

DOCTORS ON TRIAL

They are Charged With Larceny and Conspiracy

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Two registered physicians, Dr. Frederick Williams and Dr. James Doyle, with offices on Tremont street, were arraigned in the first session of the municipal criminal court yesterday on the charge of larceny and conspiracy on several counts.

The defendants are specifically charged with conspiring by making false diagnoses of various cases to obtain money from their prospective patients.

A man by the name of Shapiro, a constable of the city of Boston, testified that he went to the office of the defendants for the express purpose of making out a case against them, if possible. He said that he had no more than entered the apartment when Dr. Williams took him in hand, and before he had time to say anything had told him that he would be blind in a short time if his eyes were not attended to immediately.

"I told him," the witness said, "that I had not come for eye treatment, but for body treatment. Dr. Doyle then took a long, narrow cloth and told me to pull out my tongue. After looking down my throat he told me that I was going to die inside of four days."

"I said that was too bad, as I was about to leave for New York and couldn't be in hand to take advantage of the guarantee to cure which he offered me for \$25."

"I pulled out \$2, and had no more than got it out of my pocket than he grabbed it and ran for his coat. I

called to him to ask about the guarantee. He stopped then and gave me a bottle to take some of it three times a day and that it would keep me alive until I returned from New York."

Other witnesses told of receiving treatment. One said that he had been told that he was going to be blind, and that one of the defendants had told him that he was suffering from trachoma, and had dropped some liquid in his eyes against his wishes. He testified that he had brought suit against Dr. Williams for \$1000 for injury claimed to have been done to his eyes.

Dr. Abbott of Taunton, called by the government, caused some amusement during his examination. A bottle was handed to him containing some reddish fluid and he was asked to tell what it was, if he could, by tasting of it. Objection was made by counsel for the defendants to this method of chemical analysis, but the court allowed him to make the test, whereupon he took a generous swallow from the bottle.

After smacking his lips, with somewhat of a facial struggle, the doctor announced that it was evidently some form of soda mixed with another substance and used probably as a stomach medicine.

After this successful analysis he was handed another bottle and asked to make the same test. This time he positively declined, saying that his mouth was so full of the taste of the other that he didn't think he would attempt

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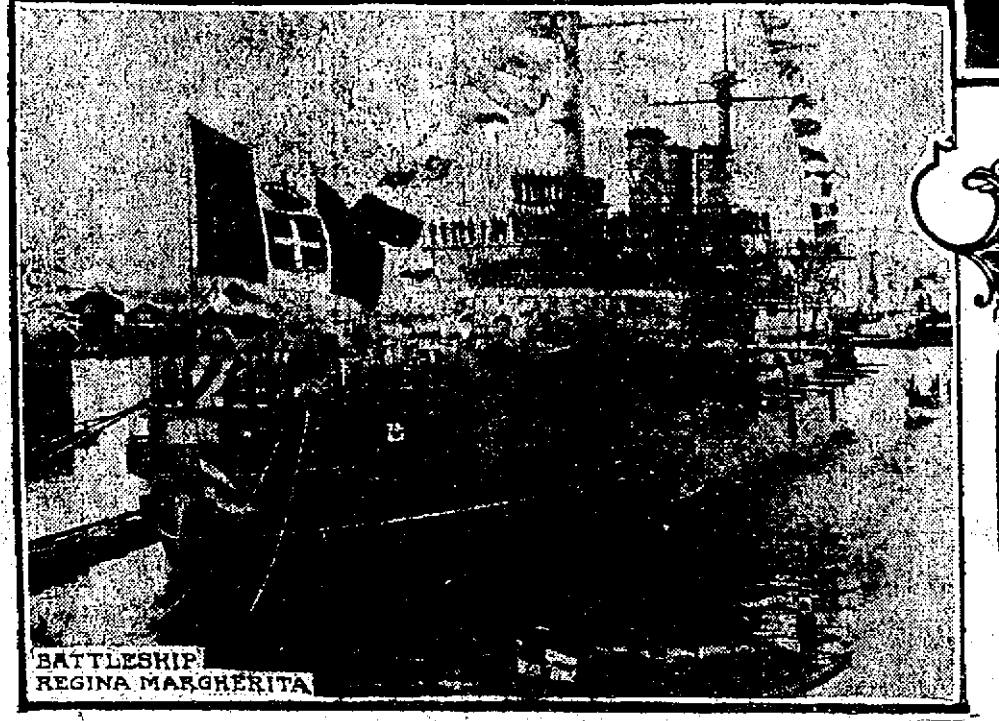
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SCENE IN MESSINA



BATTLESHIP REGINA MARGHERITA

People in Stricken District Suffer Greatly

ROME, Jan. 1.—The first cheerful news since the devastation of Calabria and eastern Sicily by earthquake and tidal wave last Monday was received this morning by the minister of marine. A despatch from the commander of the torpedo boat sent post haste to verify the report that the Lipari or Aeolian Islands has been engulfed and all the population, some 28,000 people, annihilated brought the grateful information that while the islands had experienced the earthquake, only a few buildings have been demolished and no lives have been lost.

But otherwise the story coming from the south today is a repetition of the previous recitals of devastation, sorrow, suffering, frustration and barrenness. The king and the queen of Italy continue their pilgrimage along what was once the beautiful and smiling eastern coast of Sicily, but which today is a sepulchre of the dead, a desolated region still filled with thousands of unfortunate victims dying in anguish and the ruins of their homes. Another member of the royal family, the duke of Aosta is devoting himself to the surrounding villages. This region, after Messina and Reggio, suffered more heavily than any other. The duke said to one of the aides with him:

"The catastrophe is indeed a source from God. The time has come when it is no longer possible to think about these buried beneath the ruins. All the of saving any of these unfortunate victims."

ter the four days that have elapsed since the disaster must of necessity be abandoned."

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CALL FOR AID

Mayor Appoints a Relief Committee

Mayor Farnham has appointed a committee to procure subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers in Italy the following: Hon. Butler Ames, John C. Burke, Joseph L. Chaffaux, Frank E. Dunbar, Frederick A. Farber, Frank H. Hayes, George M. Harlan, Charles E. Knapp, George S. May, Elisha J. Noote, Arthur G. Pollock, John F. Sawyer, Charles M. Williams.

The committee will make plans at once to raise a substantial amount and already Treasurer John M. Sawyer reports several contributions.

Up to date the contributions received total up to \$125.00, the contributors being as follows:

Franklin Nourse	10.00
A. J. Carter	5.00
Warren J. Murphy	5.00
Mr. William G. Ward	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rogers	10.00
Argentine Chisholm	5.00
May C. Hall	5.00
Oliver C. Hall	5.00
Charles E. Cooke	5.00
Friend	5.00
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Do. G. Forrest Martin	10.00
W. E. Spalding	5.00
Abeline K. Richardson	5.00
George E. Richardson	5.00
G. E. Merritt	5.00
D. E. S.	5.00
Total	\$125.00

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BROWN AT CAUCUS

Makes a Promise to the Board of Aldermen

Asks Them to Turn Down the Mayor's Appointment of Library Trustee — Lively Meeting of Board of Aldermen Yesterday

Mayor-elect Brown made an early start yesterday when he appeared at a caucus of the board of aldermen and asked the eight members present not to confirm the appointments of Hon. Charles E. Howe and Peter W. Reilly, as library trustees and according to a statement made by Alderman Gray, the mayor-elect promised the members that if they would not confirm he would appoint Mr. Reilly when he got into office.

The mayor-elect protested against any 11th hour appointments by Mayor Farnham believing that as the mayor-elect hadn't seen to take the appointments in time for action at the last regular meeting of the board he should not make them at all.

Reference to the mayor's removal of Dennis A. Sullivan and his appointment of Peter W. Reilly to succeed him and of Hon. Cras E. Howe to succeed Hon. George F. Richardson whose term expired with the year was made in yesterday's editions.

The meeting of the board to act upon these appointments was called for 4 o'clock and was delayed until 4:15 pending the arrival of Alderman Gray. All the members were present except Alderman Wilder.

Mr. Gray upon arriving at the chamber requested the members to join him in caucus before the meeting was called to order.

The members then retired to the mayor's reception room where they were joined by Mayor-elect Brown.

The Meeting

About 5 o'clock the members returned to the chamber and the meeting was called to order. After the usual preliminary business the appointment of Mr. Reilly was read and Alderman O'Hearn immediately moved the suspension of rule 13 to permit immediate action on the appointment.

A two-thirds vote is required to suspend a rule. The roll call showed Messrs. Bailey, Gray and Cheney against the suspension, while Messrs. Butcherworth, Brennan, Comerford, O'Hearn and Reed voted in favor. Thus the motion was lost as it had failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote.

Alderman Gray Explains

Alderman Gray arose to explain his attitude, saying: "I have no objection to the appointment of Mr. Reilly, but I don't think it comes at the proper time. Mayor Farnham should have sent it in at Tuesday's meeting, and I wonder that he failed to do so. I do not want to be regarded as opposing Mr. Reilly's appointment."

Alderman O'Hearn Replies

Alderman O'Hearn replied as follows: "I always believed in voting in public what was agreed to in caucus, and in today's caucus the majority voted to suspend rule 13 in the case of Mr. Reilly, while Mr. Howe's name was not favorably considered."

"Now, I ask in all fairness: Is it a good business proposition and is it proper that Mr. Reilly should go down simply because Mr. Howe is appointed?"

"If Alderman Gray is of the opinion that Mr. Reilly's appointment is a good one, why does he reject him?"

"If Mr. Reilly is good a couple of weeks from now, why is he not as good now?"

"If Mr. Howe's appointment is a bad one, why not reject him now? I think this is a silly excuse for postponing man Gray."

action. Let us come out fairly for Mr. Reilly if we believe in his appointment and against Mr. Howe if we do not believe in his appointment."

Howe Goes Down

"The appointment of Hon. Charles E. Howe was then read by Chairman Reed, and Alderman O'Hearn moved the suspension of rule 13 to permit immediate action. Alderman O'Hearn's motion was turned down, 4 to 4, Alderman Brennan being recorded against action on the name of Mr. Howe."

Having voted in the minority in both cases, Alderman O'Hearn moved reconsideration at the next meeting of the board, and the motion was duly recorded by City Clerk Daddman. The appointment of Melvin B. Smith to the board of cemetery trustees was not acted upon.

Alderman Gray moved an adjournment, but the motion was lost. Alderman O'Hearn then moved that the board adjourn until tonight, and it was so voted.

It is expected that Mayor Farnham will call a special meeting for tonight.

At the Caucus

After the meeting Alderman Gray repeated that he thought the appointment of Mr. Reilly an excellent one. He said: "Mayor-elect Brown came before the board and asked us not to vote for confirmation at this stage. He did not seem to think it fair to him. He was asking us to confirm him as Reilly if we refused to confirm him as today's meeting, and before the night of us, he promised to appoint him. That's why I was willing to let the matter go over."

Mr. Brown's Statement

Mayor-elect Brown spoke as follows: "While Mayor Farnham had a right to make one appointment of a library trustee, he should not, out of courtesy to me, have made two appointments. If he had any intention of removing a trustee to make place for one of his friends, he should have done it before, and not at this late date. I am anxious to have a board of library trustees who will work in harmony with me, and in protecting the best interests of the people. I felt that I should be allowed to name at least one of the board, especially as I should be chairman of the board of trustees the coming year. Then I could be held personally responsible for the appointment."

"I was not favorable to the appointment of Mr. Howe, and I informed Alderman Gray that if the board would refuse to confirm his appointment, I would willingly name Peter W. Reilly next week after I had entered upon my duties. I say this because I have confidence in Mr. Reilly and believe that he would make a valuable addition to the board."

"In view of the fact that the present city government has refused to confirm the appointment of Mr. Howe, I will appoint Mr. Reilly myself, and hope that he will accept the place. I consider his appointment excellent."

"I was in the auditor's department getting data on the finances of the city, when I learned of the special meeting of the board and its purpose. I tentatively stated my position to Alderman Gray."

Colonial Fur Dept.

We have had consigned to us by two of the largest Fur Manufacturers in New York City eight thousand dollars worth of Ladies' Fine Furs with imperative orders to SELL. In the lot are about 200 Fox Muffs, 300 Russian Shawls in Fox, Blended Squirrel and Persian, many odd Neckpieces and hundreds of Throws. These goods are all up-to-date in style and made during the present season, not from small or scrap pieces, but from full, healthy skins, and will be warranted by us to wear as represented.

Colonial Department Store

Fur Department—Main Floor
Telephone No. 2605

LARCENY CHARGE

Man Ordered to Pay Fine of \$20

In police court today John J. Silva pleaded guilty to a complaint charging him with the larceny of \$15 from Emily Avila, the court found him guilty and he was fined \$20 to be paid in two days or else go to jail for two months.

According to the testimony offered in court Silva learning that the complainant intended buying a sewing machine, called at the local agency of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. and asked what commission he would get if he made the sale. He was told that he would be given \$5, Silva, accompanied by one of the agents of the company, went to the residence of the complainant, a lease was drawn up, \$5 paid as a first installment and the machine was left there. It seems, however, that later Silva went and collected \$15 from the Avila woman which he failed to turn over to the sewing machine company.

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1909

Begin tonight to light your store windows until 12 o'clock.

Attractive windows are good salesmen. They meet the customer when he is most easily interested. He has time to admire and investigate. Your window display is of double value at night if shown under electric light. The best to sell the best. Not only your gain but it helps to make Lowell more beautiful. Every well lighted store window adds to the beauty of our city.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.

50 Central Street.

Poland Water

For Sale by GEO. A. WILLSON & CO. F. and E. BAILEY & CO.

GRANT & CO.

We have received our second shipment of High Grade Furs and extend to all who intend to purchase either a Muff, Neckpiece or both, to look at this stock of High Grade Furs and get our prices. We know that we are in a position to save you many dollars on your Fur purchases.

GRANT & CO.

Opposite Kirk St.

Interest BEGINS JAN 2.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
Traders National Bank

Hours: 8:30 to 3. Saturdays 8:30 to 11:30 and 1 to 9 p. m.

A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT

of one of our beautiful gas lamps will be just as acceptable as a Christmas time.

WELCH BROS. 65 Middle St.

STREETS AND SEWERS

Vast Amount of Work on
This in 1908

So much talk has been made relative to the amount of money expended by the street department during the year just closed that a perusal of a partial report of the more important features of the year's work is interesting as showing that a vast amount of necessary work has been done and much of a permanent character.

The report is prepared from the books of the street and sewer departments, and reads as follows:

The statement made in the local newspapers, which has been made a political issue, that the street department has exceeded all previous records for expenditures is incorrect. When the figures were given from the auditor's office, attention was not made of the fact that a large amount of money credited to the street department were receipts earned for furnishing material and labor for the special appropriations for special work, bills for which were rendered and the money transferred to the original street appropriation on the face of the books. A much larger debit and credit than really exists, and the difference is simply a question of book-keeping.

Instead of this year holding the record of appropriations, the table given below will show that in 1908 more money was appropriated and spent than this year. Amounts given include appropriation loans and balances credited the first of each year, but not the mis-leading receipts.

Year	Streets	Sewer Maintenance	Sewer Construction	Watering Streets	Total
1908	\$20,721.31	\$23,500.00	\$9,997.94	\$14,000.00	\$143,220.25
1907	21,625.51	25,500.00	75,000.00	15,000.00	142,125.51
1906	21,585.12	25,500.00	120,000.00	15,000.00	172,085.12
1905	22,500.00	25,500.00	100,000.00	15,000.00	\$268,500.00
1904	23,419.09	16,000.00	71,000.00	17,000.00	\$411,419.09
1903	155,259.52	15,000.00	45,000.00	17,000.00	\$232,259.52
1902	231,115.69	15,000.00	105,000.00	17,000.00	\$358,115.69

The Year's Work

This year can rightly be termed a year of permanent work by the street department, foremost of which was the paving of Central and Middlesex streets.

Central street—The paving laid last year as far as the canal bridge was continued to the junction of Middlesex and Gorham streets, a total of 4635 square yards, costing \$16,551.31, an average cost of \$3.55 per square yard. Catch basins were built and repaired costing \$128.41, concrete sidewalk repaved cost \$108.17, relaying brick sidewalk cost \$45.35, new edgestones set cost \$96.31, edgestones reset cost \$17.10, 302 square yards of repaving done on intersecting streets cost \$297.22, the total expenditure for paving and regulating was \$17,175.91.

Middlesex street—Paved from Central street to Garnet street, a total of 6924.4 square yards, cost \$17,680.41, an average of \$2.55 per square yard, catch basins and manholes built and repaired cost \$592.65, concrete sidewalks laid on both sides of street cost \$1,759.33, edgestones reset cost \$257.51, new edgestones set cost \$39.51, bullhead rebuilt cost \$6.75, new edgestones cost \$141.27, new edgestones set cost \$179.34, making a total cost of the paving and regulating \$21,674.15, for which \$25,000 was appropriated.

In the paving of Central and Middlesex streets the beginning of a new era in street paving was begun. This paving

square yards of top dressing done at a cost of \$7,507.14, a total of over four miles of streets put in first-class condition, a record that will be difficult to equal. The streets macadamized were as follows:

Beaulieu street—Macadamized from West Sixth street to Victor street, 481 feet, cost \$1,293.53; new edgestones set cost \$698.35.

Cady street—Macadamized from Central street to Lawrence street, 447 feet, cost \$442.55; paving gutters cost \$91.95, new edgestones cost \$8.00, new crossings cost \$85.16.

Congress street—Macadamized from Thorndike street westerly, 103 feet, cost \$436.71.

Cross street—Macadamized from Suffolk street to Fletcher street, 923 feet, cost \$3,068.55.

Crowley street—Macadamized from Moore street to end street, 383 feet, cost \$1,208.68, paving gutters cost \$144.75.

Dover street—Macadamized from Westford street to Grove street, 616 feet, cost \$1,450.10, gutters paved cost \$320.84.

Forster street—Macadamized from Westford street to Pine street, 1057 feet, cost \$2,042.44, resetting edgestones cost \$5.15, relaying gutters cost \$24.10, new edgestones cost \$35.80, relaying gutters cost \$19.29, relaying sidewalks cost \$18.47.

Hampshire street—Macadamized from West Sixth street to Bridge street, 1649 feet, cost \$2,574.42, paving gutters cost \$106.02, relaying crossings cost \$99.68.

Harvard street—Macadamized from Middlesex street to Princeton street, 1206 feet, cost \$3,238.77, relaying gutters cost \$23.51, new crossing cost \$32.75.

Hastings street—Macadamized from Westford street to Liberty street, 493 feet, cost \$999.45, concrete sidewalks cost \$141.84.

Holyrood avenue—Macadamized from Hovey street southerly, 275 feet, cost \$2,497.36, gutters paved, cost \$255.40, edgestones reset cost \$55.55, new crossing cost \$66.44.

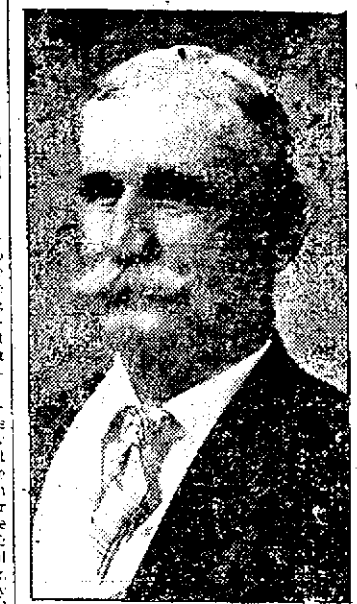
Melburn street—Macadamized from Seventh street to Beacon street, 1959 feet, cost \$2,752.09, resetting edgestones

cost \$117.13, relaying gutters cost \$438.54, new crossing cost \$49.54, under sidewalk cost \$14.50, concrete sidewalks cost \$450.17.

Mill street—Macadamized from Hovey square to Lawrence street, 285 feet, cost \$612.28, relaying crossing cost \$15.52, new edgestones cost \$13.01, relaying crossing cost \$5.72.

Read street—Macadamized from Third street to Sixth street, 175 feet, cost \$109.60, new edgestones cost \$38.97, new concrete sidewalks cost \$41.66.

Royal street—Macadamized from Westford street to Sheldon street, 355 feet, cost \$3,074.81, paving gutters



CHARLES MORSE
Superintendent of Streets

More work has been done top dressing and macadamizing streets this year than any other year in the history of the department, over 50,000 tons of crushed stone has been used.

15,365 lineal feet or 45,311 square yards of macadam was laid, costing \$35,376.41, and 6908 lineal feet or 22,527

cost \$114.16, new crossing cost \$56.05.

Seventh street—Macadamized from Bridge street to Varum street, 558 feet, cost \$2,151.43, relaying gutters cost \$129.34, relaying crossing cost \$9.58, resetting edgestones cost \$35.22, relaying crossings cost \$30.79, new edgestones cost \$71.05, concrete sidewalks cost \$110.79.

Sheldon street—Macadamized from Chelmsford street to Bellevue street, 778 feet, cost \$2,112.87, new crossings cost \$140.26, relaying gutters cost \$53.51, paving gutters cost \$111.67, new edgestones cost \$78.75.

Sixth street—Macadamized from Myrtle street to Beacon street, 516 feet, cost \$1599.54, relaying gutters cost \$33.70, paving gutters cost \$142.94, resetting edgestones cost \$22.70, relaying crossings cost \$19.06, new edgestones cost \$24.94, concrete sidewalks cost \$172.41.

Smith street—Macadamized from Branch street to Westford street, 355 feet, cost \$1,529.34, relaying gutters cost \$27.47, paving gutters cost \$136.55, relaying crossing cost \$12.53.

West Sixth street—Macadamized from Bridge street to Hampshire street, 422 feet, cost \$1,147.92, paving gutters cost \$175.74.

Rogers street—Macadamized from B. & M. R. to Perry street 145 feet, cost \$416.18, paving gutters cost \$20.83.

Topdressing Macadam

Coral street, 782 feet cost \$789.88.

High street, 962 feet cost \$723.62.

Moore street, 906 feet cost \$932.42.

Moody street, 200 feet cost \$209.77.

Pawtucket street, 520 feet cost \$489.52.

Princeton street, 1565 feet cost \$1,152.45.

School street, 530 feet cost \$528.31.

Thorndike street, 210 feet cost \$254.53.

Broadway 1500 feet cost \$1151.00.

Rogers street, 723 feet cost \$875.59.

Granite Paving

Arch street—Paved to Howard st, 722 yards cost \$1,225.73, under sidewalk cost \$44.75, crossing rebuilt cost \$5.91, new edgestones cost \$40.20.

Garnet street—Paved from Middlesex street to Appleton street, 492 sq. yards, cost \$738.35, resetting edgestones cost \$38.00, relaying crossing cost \$5.12, concrete sidewalks cost \$112.11.

Rock street—Paved from Willb street to School street, 2977 square yards, cost \$3,165.54, relaying crossings cost \$58.02, resetting edgestones cost \$10.50, new edgestones cost \$20.10.

The small cost of the paving is on account of the saving made by using the old paving stones taken from Central street and Middlesex street.

Bridges

\$10,147.82 was expended this year on bridges, the Lundberg and Wilber street bridges have been sand blasted and painted at a cost of \$1815, a new steel sidewalk has been built on the bridge over the canal at East Merrimack street at a cost of \$357.46. \$8000.00 of the \$2000 appropriated for the painting of Moody street bridge has been spent to date.

The following bridges have been replanked: Lawrence street cost \$1400.50, Pawtucket bridge cost \$1815.73, Cambridge street cost \$867.18, Dutton street cost \$1728.08, Market street cost \$1768.08, Workman street cost \$124.65, Workman street cost \$106.24, and minor repairs on Cabot street, Congress street, Merrimack street, Moody street and Plain street bridges.

Grading and Repairing Streets

Over four miles of streets have been graded at a cost of \$12,245.50, the streets in annexed Wiggsville have been graded and repaired, and continuation of the work of grading Varum avenue to the city line. This is a model graded street.

\$800 feet of grading has been done with cutters at a cost of \$2582.54, and \$1214.00 was spent in relaying streets.

Sidewalks

Over 1000 miles of older sidewalks have been built at a cost of \$2,507.28, for new and repair of concrete sidewalks \$14,452.91 was expended.

Cleaning Streets

The cost of cleaning paved streets by hand, by the so-called sparrow men, was \$12,883.14, machine sweeping of paved streets cost \$6,592.20, sweeping unpaved streets cost \$12,427.15, a grand total of \$31,882.49.

Removal of sidewalks cost \$14,677.02, and the sanding of sidewalks \$18,700.55.

General Work

Paving gutters, 15,212 feet cost \$2,440.57, relaying gutters, 4827 feet cost \$1,927.99, new crossings laid, 1410 feet cost \$1554.02, crossings repaired, 1380 feet cost \$417.92, relaying paving, 4201 square yards cost \$1,232.27, resetting edgestones, 5557 feet cost \$1254.95, 8529 feet of new edgestones set, cost \$5,022.15.

The repair of the different kinds of bridges paving cost \$3,172.87.

TALBOT'S Year

Big Clearance Sale

OF

Winter Clothing

IS of special interest to prudent buyers—The goods we now place on sale are the of this season's selling, all fine goods of the highest grade from "Hart, Schaffner & our own workrooms." (Not a dollar's worth of cheap clothing has been bought, show of low prices.) Thus in order to name prices that will attract attention and bring age to our store we must sacrifice our profits and in many cases take an actual loss, our custom to **CLEAN-UP** each season. We simply don't want the goods and we need sible for you to take them.

Here Are Genuine Bargains of Reliable Merchandise

Men's Overcoats

Every Winter Overcoat in our stock goes into this sale. It will pay you to buy for next season.

\$30 and \$32 Overcoats, now	\$25.00
\$20, \$22 and \$25 Overcoats, now	\$17.50
\$18 and \$20 Overcoats, now	\$14.50
\$15 and \$18 Overcoats, now	\$12.50
\$12 Overcoats, now	\$8.50

27 Big Overcoats in sizes 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48, regular price \$12 and \$15, now \$6.50

Men's Suits

We offer the small lots at a big reduction in price. Includes many of our best goods and best selling numbers.

\$20, \$22, \$25 Suits, now	
\$20 Suits, now	
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\$2.50 and \$3 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$1.75
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\$6 and \$6.50 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$4.75
\$7 and \$7.50 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$5.75
\$8 and \$9 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$6.25

20 Boys' Overcoats, in sizes 10 to 16, long, full, double breast Coats, in fancy mixtures, that sold at \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10, now \$4.75

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\$3 and \$3.50 Boys' Suits, now	
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\$6 and \$6.50 Boys' Suits, now	
\$7 and \$7.50 Boys' Suits, now	
\$8 and \$9 Boys' Suits, now	

70 Boys' Fine Suits, in sizes 10, 11, 12, 13 years that sold at \$6, \$7 and \$8, all now marked

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Men's Jersey Ribbed Underwear in blue, 50c quality, now	
Sweaters Roll neck, small sizes, \$1 and \$1.50 quality, now	
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PAIGE STREET F. B. CHURCH
At the Paige Street Free Will Baptist church, the monthly supper was held under the auspices of the Ladies' circle. It was very largely attended. Preceding the supper, a business meeting was held, and a nominating committee was elected to bring in a list of officers for the coming year.

Following the supper was an excellent musical entertainment, each member of which drew much applause. The program was as follows: Duet, Misses Belle and Georgia Libby; song, Mrs. Grace Donaldson; readings, Master Thomas Mack; whistling solo, Master William F. Carr; violin solo, Miss Mildred Brennan; piano solo, Miss Viola Marshall.

Mrs. George F. Libby had charge of the supper, and was assisted by Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. D. P. Knowlton, Mrs. W. O. Brown and Mrs. Henry McDonald. A corps of young women waited upon the tables.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Edwin J. Lewis and Miss Mary E. Kelly were united in marriage Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock at the parsonage residence of the Sacred Heart church in Moore street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Wade Smith, O. M. I.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, 195 Manchester street, and during the evening a musical and literary program was carried out. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were the recipients of many beautiful presents. Upon their return to this city they will reside in Westford street.

MOORE-BICKNELL

Miss Sophia May Bicknell, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hall, and Mr. George C. Moore, Jr., son of Mr. Geo. C. Moore of North Chelmsford, were united in wedlock yesterday at the

home of the bride, 215 North and Beacon streets.

The house was prettily decorated and the ceremony, which was attended only by the relatives and immediate friends of the two families, was performed by the Rev. Charles T. Billings of the Catholic church. Miss Anna L. Brown of this city was maid of honor and the best man was Mr. Everett H. Jenkins of Newton. Messrs. Carl Bicknell of this city and Philip Mitchell of Haverhill were ushers, while Masters Seth Hall and Jack Hall acted as pages.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, and there was music by Horley's orchestra. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Moore left for an extended tour of the west, followed by the well wishes of a multitude of friends.

DOUBLE WEDDING

A double wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Medard Demault, 120 North street, whose son, Dolphis Demault, and daughter, Miss Agnes L. Demault, both well known young people, were bridegroom and bride at a double nuptial ceremony held at St. Louis church. Mr. Dolphis Demault was married to Miss Agnes Labrecque of this city, and Miss Agnes Demault to Mr. John D. Butler, a New York physician. The ceremony took place at 5:30 o'clock, and was performed in the church by Rev. Fr. Jacques, pastor of St. Louis parish. Mr. Medard Demault stood with his son and his daughter at each ceremony, the other witness being Mr. Naucisse Demault. Miss Labrecque wore a charming gown of white mesaline, and Miss Demault a gown of white tulle.

After the ceremony, a dinner was served at the home of Mr. Medard Demault in North street. A reception followed later in the evening, both young couples leaving together on a bridal journey towards the east. Mr. and Mrs. Demault will live in Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Butler will live in Maine.

FINE PROGRAM

AT THE HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the vestry of the Highland Congregational church last night before a large assemblage there was a very successful presentation of "A Trip to Santa Land." The Christmas tree which had been standing for a week ago was also given. The entertainment began about 8 o'clock and lasted over an hour.

"Santa Land" had many pretty features to it, besides as well as costume and the long and powerful it scored hits. Mrs. Oscar N. Naylor had general charge of this feature. The solo work of the evening was wonderfully good. Mrs. Percy Wilson sang a solo, and Miss Jessie Richardson who sang "In Santa Land" receiving cheers.

The cast was as follows: "Mrs. Lovejoy," Mrs. Percy Wilson; "Harold Lovejoy," Harold Brigham; "Alice Lovejoy," Miss Jessie Richardson; "Jack Lovejoy," Paul Jones; "Suzanne Verby," Elizabeth Woodworth; "John Tompkins," Richard Paver; "Tom Appleton," Arthur Hargood; "Dudley Verby," J. H. Fox; "Hayden Wilson," "Santa Claus," J. Frank Spooner.

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The proceeds were taken from the tree at the conclusion of the entertainment. Assisting Mr. Spooner was Rev. A. Frederic Dunne. The presents flew thick and fast and there were a good many laughs over some of them. Assisting Mrs. Naylor in the directing of the entertainment were: Miss Grace Hadley, Miss Helen Buttrick, Mrs. Hugh E. McPherson, Mrs. J. L. Knowlton, George Kimball, Frank Holman, Lester Holman and Len Hodges.

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START TODAY A SIMILAR CARNIVAL OF BUSINESS-BRINGING CUT PRICES AND MONEY SAVING VALUES FOR WE MUST CLEAR OUT

make this moving of winter stock a double event, for on January 1st we ARE TWO YEARS YOUNG, and to show our appreciation to our many friends we have decided to celebrate our birthday by giving the greatest values ever bought or

FOUNDED THIS BUSINESS TWO YEARS AGO we adopted a different policy than used heretofore—a policy that has won us success, for we gave more for same money and absolute satisfaction to everybody, and if there is one dissatis-

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of present to show our thanks we know of to give you for the new year, is to present you with values in Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes like we quote below. They cannot be equalled in any other store for the same money. Remember,

in life that count, so every little you can save by buying at this store added to what you already have makes you worth that much more.

Suits Suits and coats offered at this price. Look into it. 9.95 Suits Suits patterns in mix. 4.95 Overcoats You will find garment here 5.95 Overcoats Suits at this price. 7.95 Suits and coats Suits, 18, 1.98 	Knickerbocker Knee Pants The kind that sold for 75c 45c Men's Shoes The great Shoe known as the army and navy... 1.29 Men's Working Shirts Black with white stripes, good and heavy double front.... 29c Children's Suits Buster Brown, 3 to 8 years and double breasted, 9 to 14.... 98c Also sizes 3, 4 and 5 in Overcoats 98c Men's Hats Stiff and Soft Hats, all sizes..... 79c	Bowlers, Attention! We made the bowlers of Lowell the following offers on Monday, Oct. 12, and ending Dec. 25th, 1908, and the following men won: OFFER ONE —To a member of a Bowling Team making the highest score with Candle Plus, we will give gratis one of our \$15.00 suits or overcoats. Won by Oscar Johnson, score 352, at Crescent alley, Dec. 30, "Lowell team." OFFER TWO —To the member of a team making the highest score on Duck Plus we will give a \$15.00 suit or overcoat. Won by Angelo Garmine, score 315, Crescent alleys, Dec. 13th, Crescent Club. OFFER THREE —For the highest total score game made by a team bowling Duck Plus, each member a \$2.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by married men's team, Dec. 23rd, 1908, at alleys, score 1195. Capt. Le Brun, John Moran, Conaghan, J. D. Donahoe, James Wynne. OFFER FOUR —For the highest total score game made by a team bowling candle Plus, each member a \$2.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by Lowell team, Dec. 30, Crescent alleys, score 1129. Thomas Kelly, Walter Jewett, Oscar Johnson, Fred Richardson, Bryant Coleman. OFFER FIVE —For the highest individual score outside of a team made with candle Plus, \$2.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by Walter Moran, Dec. 23d, Bridge St. Bowlingway, score 112. OFFER SIX —For the highest individual score outside of a team made with duck Plus, \$2.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by William Queneman, Nov. 30th, Crescent alleys, score 151. We would request the proprietors of alleys mentioned in letter of identification to bowlers mentioned above, so we may know that we are the right parties. No prizes will be given without such letter of identification.	Children's Fleece Underwear Sizes 24 to 34. A good heavy garment 19c Men's Coat Shirts Made of goods usually sold at a dollar 50c Heavy Underwear Blue ribbed and fleeced lined 29c Men's and Ladies' Shoes A sample line of high grade shoes, all sizes..... 1.19 Men's Fancy Overcoats \$9.95 and \$11.95 The new style for fall, sold at \$15 and \$18. Nobly dressers should see these overcoats.	Men's and Boys' Coat Sweaters We have sold hundreds of those sweaters. Did you get one? 39c Boys' Corduroy Pants All sizes, 5 to 11..... 25c Ladies' and Men's Sweaters Here's a value sold all over town at \$1..... 59c The Monarch Shirts All kinds, sold everywhere at \$1. Any shirt in the house 79c Men's Trousers No store anywhere ever offered the equal of these trousers. Come and see 75c, 99c Also see our \$1.49 and \$1.99	Big Values For Wide Awake Shoe Buyers Misses' Box Calf, all solid Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, worth \$1.50..... 98c Ladies' Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, worth \$2.50, at..... \$1.49 Men's Solid and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$2.50 and \$1.50, at..... \$2.70 Ladies' Patent Calf and Gun Metal Shoes, worth \$3.50, at..... \$1.85 Men's Heavy Leather Lined Vici Kid Shoes, worth \$2.50, at..... \$1.92 Ladies' Vici Kid, Patent Tin Shoes, worth \$4 \$1.79 Men's Kangaroo and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$3 at \$1.87 Youths' Double Sole, all solid Kangaroo Grain Shoes, sizes 9 to 12½, worth \$2, at..... \$1.23 Boys' Box Calf Shoes, 11½ to 5½, worth \$1.75 \$1.19 Boys' Double sole Satin and Kangaroo, all solid, shoes, worth \$2.50 \$1.45
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Hosiery—All sizes, 6½
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HOTTEST YEAR

1908 Carries off the Palm

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The year which ended at 12 o'clock last night was remarkable, from the weather man's viewpoint, as the hottest and driest on record. According to figures given out by the weather bureau, the total precipitation in 1908 was 30.97 inches.

At first glance this would appear to be a large quantity of rain, but as a matter of fact, it is more than 13 inches below normal, and the smallest since the weather bureau was established in 1871.

The weather man promised fair weather for today and tomorrow, with a drop in the temperature. The glass registered 48 above at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, but at 10 o'clock last night it was 33 above. We are to have "seasonable" weather from this time forward, however, according to the authorities.

To return to the weather for the past year, the weather man said that in 1875 the precipitation was 65.53

inches, and according to meteorologists, the normal amount of rain and snow for Boston in a year would be 44 inches. Yet, according to statistics furnished by the weather bureau, with one exception in the last ten years, the rainfall has been below the normal.

The year 1906 was the driest and warmest on record. Without exception each month shows an excess of temperature and a deficiency in precipitation.

ASKS \$50,000

MRS. STEVENS NAMES MRS. STEELE IN DIVORCE LIBEL

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 1.—Further complications and litigation growing out of the suit brought by James A. Steele of Laconia against Clarence A. Stevens of this city on December 22, for alienation of his wife's affections, and claiming damages in the sum of \$20,000 developed yesterday when

Mrs. L. Stevens, wife of the defendant, caused action to be entered for absolute divorce. Mrs. Stevens also asks for \$50,000 alimony. She alleges violation of the marriage compact, and names Mrs. Alice F. Steele as corespondent. She also alleges cruelty and abuse. The case is made returnable at the May term of the superior court.

GIRL DROWNED

Lawrence Child Swept Under the Ice

LAWRENCE, Jan. 1.—Lavera Marchand ran over this ice while sliding with a girl companion on the Merrimack river late yesterday and broke through.

Henry Bassett, a 12-year-old boy, heard the screams and he jumped in after her promptly, but the swift current from the mill canal which flows into the river near this point had already swept the girl away under the ice.

Hampered by his overcoat, Bassett himself had a narrow escape from drowning, but managed to cling to the edge of the hole until rescue reached him.

The girl's body has not been recovered. She was the daughter of Joseph Marchand of Essex street and was 11 years old.

KILLED HIMSELF

CORPORAL HENRY FIRST FIRED AT HIS WIFE

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—Corporal Nelson Henry, of the Seventh regiment (U. S. A.), artillery band, stationed at Fort Adams, killed himself with a revolver last night after he had fired three bullets into his wife as she lay on the bed in the quarters where Wednesday she became a mother. Mrs. Henry was wounded in the shoulder, arm and lungs, and is not expected to live.

She said that before the shooting her husband accused her of infidelity. Corporal Henry was 40 years old. He was a native of Plattsburg, N. Y., and had seen service in China and the Philippines during his 15 years in the army. Mrs. Henry is 28 years old. She comes from Algonquin, N. Y. The couple have two children, both girls, aged 5 and 3 years respectively, beside the baby. The infant, one day old, was at the time of the shooting in the care of a nurse, who was in another room.

HOLY NAME

OF ST. PETER'S HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

A well attended meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Peter's church was held in the fair hall last night and considerable routine business was transacted during the evening. Vice President William F. Daly occupied the chair.

Daniel F. Riley reported on the result of the coupon contest. The following delegates were appointed to represent the society at the St. Patrick's day convention: Wm. F. Daly, John J. Coyne, Frank J. Campbell, John King, James Starr, Matthew Donahue and Philip Ginty.

The quarterly communion breakfast will be held in the church hall. The following committee was chosen to assist the officers: John J. Coyne, William F. Daly, B. Ward, M. H. McDonough, E. Hanglin, Richard Lyons, Edward Farrell, John King, Daniel F. Riley, Thos. J. Gilligan, James Cook, Philip Ginty, William Boyle and James Starr.

Two committees were chosen to have charge of the nominations and balloting for the coming election of officers. The committees are as follows: Number one, D. F. Riley, Frank J. Campbell and Mr. Kane; number two, B. Riley, C. Hickey and Mr. O'Toole.

A vote of thanks was extended D. F. Riley for his work in making the coupon contest a success.

\$60,000 IN GOLD

FOR EMPLOYEES OF BOSTON ELEVATED ROAD

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Nearly \$60,000 in gold will be distributed by the Boston Elevated Railway company among its car service men this New Year's day in recognition of their faithfulness and efficiency.

Every man who has been in the service for a period exceeding six months and who has made a satisfactory record will receive \$15. Men with exceptionally good records will this year receive more.

More than 1000 such men will be given \$10, and a considerable number of others will receive \$25 for services of extraordinary merit.

About 50 per cent of the nearly 4500 men who are eligible by length of service will receive rewards. Distributions will be made at each of the division headquarters where the men will be notified to report.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Highland-Veritas lodge, 6, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, with a good attendance. The first degree was conferred upon one candidate, and the following officers were elected for the term ending July 1, 1909: N. G. Frank W. Hadley; V. G. John S. McKie; R. S. W. G. Bowen; P. S. H. C. Moore; treasurer, Frank G. Nichols; trustee for three years, W. O. Farrell.

Division 25, A. O. U. L., met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Hubert McQuade; vice president, Patrick Kane; treasurer, E. P. Slattery; recording secretary, Owen J. Healey; financial secretary, Patrick Wrenn; physician, Dr. F. O'Sullivan. The meeting was largely attended.

BILLERICA

The class of 40 of the Howe school held a dancing party in the town hall last night. There were about 60 couples present, all of whom had a most enjoyable time. Music for dancing was furnished by Kittredge's orchestra. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of the following members of the class:

President, Earl Costello; vice president, Miss Elsie Casey; secretary, Miss Edna B. Robinson; treasurer, Miss Gladys Holden; Miss Lillian Balmforth; Myrtle King, Addie Shedd, Stella Morris and Thomas Bateson.

CHANGE RIGHT

Friends: You and I are BLUE because we were not BROWN—change right and my Quinn's shining BLACK diamonds, they make everybody cheerful and happy.

See the telephone and find out for yourself.

PAT DINEEN

WON MARATHON RACE FROM FIVE OTHERS

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Pat Dineen, the baker of this city, who recently won the seven days' go-as-you-please race in Kansas City, last night defeated five other professional runners in a race over the full Marathon distance, 26 miles, 385 yards. Dineen finished in 2 hours, 45 minutes and 26 3/4 seconds of hard running. John Prouty of Boston, was second, more than two miles behind; Ted Cook of New York was third, and Alex McDonald of Brooklyn, fourth. Two other runners failed to finish.

Alfred Shrubbs, the English professional who is to race Longfellow soon, defeated a relay team of two men in a six mile race. Shrubbs' time was 31 minutes, 42 3/4 seconds. This is several minutes behind his record. He led throughout.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. Fletcher*

NEW OFFICERS

ELECTED BY THE CITIZENS-AMERICANS

The regular meeting and election of officers of Citizens-Americans was held last night, the election resulting as follows: President, Albert Cadoret; vice president, Damase Ledoux; recording secretary, Horace E. Caron; assistant recording secretary, Louis N. Phaneuf; treasurer, Joseph Gagnon; collector, J. Omer Smith; sentinel, Joseph Meunier; sergeant-at-arms, Geo. Pelletier; auditors, Victor Sablin, Trete Bordeleau and John T. Martin.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

The children at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street were given a New Year's dinner yesterday by the ladies of St. Joseph's sewing circle. The menu consisted of turkey, ice cream, nuts, fruit and other good things. The following members of the society waited on the tables: Mrs. Charles H. Bousvert, president of the circle; Mrs. Louise LeGare, Mrs. Madeleine Groulx, Mrs. Charles Hamel, Mrs. Alphonse Valleraud, Mrs. Hermidas Valleraud, Mrs. William Bratigan, Mrs. William Achin, Mrs. Joseph Gagnon, Mrs. Dubé, Mrs. Joseph Geoffroy, Mrs. Desilets and Mrs. Alexandre Charette.

A Happy New Year

At the beginning of this New Year I take this occasion to thank the public of Lowell and vicinity for its cordial reception and generous patronage accorded me since the opening of this business. It demonstrates that the people of Lowell appreciate my efforts to give them one of the largest and most complete cloak stores in the state. My New Year's resolution is to strive to retain your confidence and to give better values at lower prices than ever before.

Yours for a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

R. M. CLOOS



Let me tell you something—
We shall now have better things to eat

WASHBURN-CROSBY'S
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

Portland Cement

ITS MANUFACTURE A VAST AND PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

The use of Portland Cement has become so universal that by many this is called the "Cement Age." Yet it is plainly evident to those best informed on the subject, that its production is even now in its infancy, and that the brightest possible future is before it. Experience proves that it is universally a staple and very profitable industry, and its uses largely diversified. Within the past decade the production of Portland Cement in the U. S. has increased more than ten fold. In 1898 the output was less than 1,000,000 barrels as compared with more than 50,000,000 during the past year, and the demand is constantly increasing. We can hardly realize to what extent our FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPALITIES, RAILROADS, WATER COMPANIES AND BUILDERS are utilizing this product as a necessity in construction. The big cement plants of the U. S. are today earning and paying to their stockholders in dividends from 20 per cent. to 40 per cent. per year, and the supply is still inadequate to meet the growing demands of industrial progress.

The Atlantic & Gulf Portland Cement Co.

is the only cement manufacturing company in the U. S. located on navigable waters and owning its own coal mines. This water communication guarantees low freight rates on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, which passes through its property. This company owns over 6000 acres of land free from all incumbrances, between the cities of Atlanta and Birmingham, in Calhoun and St. Clair counties, in Alabama, and situated on the Coosa river, which is navigable south to the Gulf of Mexico 250 miles, and northward, 100 miles above this property.

RAW MATERIAL AND COAL

On the property are over 30,000,000 tons of coal and enormous deposits of limestone and shale sufficient to manufacture 5000 barrels of the highest grade of Portland Cement each day for 250 years. There is enough timber on the property to furnish barrels for 50 years. The cost of producing the highest grade Portland Cement at this plant is less than 10 cents per barrel. This cement sells at the mill for \$1.25 per barrel.

FOR THE PURPOSE of equipping a plant of 2000 barrels daily capacity, which will be in operation within six months, an issue of first mortgage bonds is offered to the public. There are six per cent. 20-year gold bonds, redeemable after 5 years at the company's option, to be provided for by a sinking fund. Interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1. Behind these bonds stand assets of the company worth seven times the bond issue. These bonds are offered in denominations of \$200.

WITH EACH OF THE FIRST \$500 BONDS SOLD a bonus of \$200 in full paid, non-assessable stock in the company is given. These shares are limited in their dividends to six per cent. per year until the bonds have been redeemed.

From that time on it is reasonable to believe that the stock will pay not less than 20 per cent. per year, and probably more. There is ample demand within a small radius of the plant to consume more than twice its capacity, for it is well known that the demand for cement is constantly growing with great rapidity. Wm. R. Flannery, the president of the company is the biggest man in the cement business in this country. This enterprise promises to be one of the greatest dividend payers in this line.

International Trust Co., Boston Depository.

Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, Trustee.

For prospectus and complete information regarding this bond issue address:

Sewall & Sargent

Wildreth Bldg., Room 22.

Lowell, Mass.




RICH, PURE ICE CREAM \$1.00 GAL.

The Bon Marche

DRY GOODS 60

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH ICE CREAM, 5c.

Price Reductions on Women's Suits, Coats, Skirts, Gowns, Evening Capes and Misses' Fine Apparel



Women's Suits—Mostly cheviots and manish effects, a few broadcloths, formerly \$10.98 to \$18.50, now \$9.75

Women's Suits—Made from worsteds, broadcloths, cheviots and velvets, formerly \$21.50 to \$28.50, now \$14.75

Women's Suits—Made from broadcloths, cheviots, two-tone stripes and worsteds, formerly \$31.50 to \$39.50, now \$19.75

Broadcloth Suits—In the newest shades with high girde skirts, very prettily trimmed, some with Persian collars, formerly \$50 to \$65, now \$32.50

Mixture and Broadcloth Coats—All long lengths, formerly \$15 to \$18.50, now \$8.75

Tourist and Mixture Coats—Prettily trimmed, formerly \$26.50 to \$30, now \$18.75

Odd Black Coats—Mostly short lengths, formerly \$12.50 to \$18.50, now \$5.00

Evening Capes—All the newest shades at about 1-3 off

Cravenette Raincoats—In mostly tan, formerly \$12.50 to \$15, now \$5.00

Net and Lingerie Dresses—New and latest models, beautiful designs, long sleeves, formerly \$25, now \$17.50

Skirts—Made from Panama cheviots and worsteds, formerly \$5 to \$6.50, now \$3.00

Skirts—In black, blue, brown, Panama and mixtures, formerly \$4.98, now \$1.98

Misses' and Children's White Lawn and Net Dresses—Prettily trimmed with Hamburg, lace and insertion, some slightly soiled, sizes 6 to 12, formerly \$3.50 to \$5.98, now \$2.49

Children's All Wool Dresses—In plaids and plain serges; also some sailor suits, sizes 6 to 12, formerly \$4.98 to \$5.98, now \$2.75

All Our Forty-Five Cent Books Now Thirty-Five Cents Each

WOMEN'S 50c HOSE AT 29c PAIR

About 500 Pairs of Fine Lace and Embroidered Hose in the Lot.

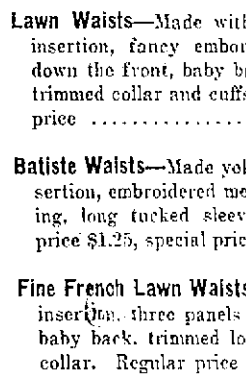
All perfect goods, fresh from the manufacturers. Lace all over with garter tops; lace boot patterns with bracelet tops; plain black gauze lisle, and plain black with handsome embroidery in fancy colors; all have double soles. Each kind in all sizes. Regular price 50c pair. Sale price 29c pair

\$1.50 REDUCE--U--CORSETS AT \$1.00

A very desirable corset for medium and stout figures. Fine for reducing the hips and giving the new long back effect.

Made of good quality American Coutil, boned with non-rusting double steels, has adjustable abdominal straps and four hose supporters attached. Same style as \$3.00 model. Regular price \$1.50. Sale price \$1.00

HANDSOME SHIRT WAISTS AT SPECIAL PRICES



Lawn Waists—Made with yoke of fine tucking, Val. insertion, fancy embroidery, panel of embroidery down the front, baby back, 3-4 sleeves and lace trimmed collar and cuffs. Regular price 98c, special price 79c

Batiste Waists—Made yoke back and front of Val. insertion, embroidered medallion and squares of tucking, long tucked sleeves, Gibson collar. Regular price \$1.25, special price 98c

Fine French Lawn Waists—Made with square yoke of insertion, three panels of insertion down the front, baby back, trimmed long sleeves and lace trimmed collar. Regular price \$1.08, special price \$1.49

Persian Lawn Waists—Made yoke and entire front in square effect of flat lace and colored embroidery medallions and fine tucking, lace trimmed back, long tucked sleeves and lace collar. Regular price \$2.49, special value \$1.98

Watte Crepe Waists—Made with yoke of clusters of tucking and six crochet buttons down the front, tucked back, tucked long sleeves and lace trimmed collar. Worth \$3.50, special price \$2.98

Net Waists—In cream and white. Entire front is made of fine tucking trimmed with Cluny lace and ribbon. Broad shouldered effect, long sleeves, Cluny trimmed and Gibson collar. Regular price \$3.00, special price \$2.49

SPECIAL IN BLANKETS

Four Cases of Gray Cotton Blankets With Colored

Borders—Extra large size and extra heavy. Well

worth \$1.25. Our special price is 79c pair

We have a

very large

stock of all

other grades

at equally low

prices



Children's

Cloakings

AT REDUCED PRICES

\$2.25 Bear Skin, \$1.50 Yard—

White, red, blue, plain and

colored.

\$1.25 Astrachan, 89c Yard—Full

34 inch. Red and white.

\$4.00 Persian Lamb, Black Only,

\$2.75 Yard—Used for muffs,

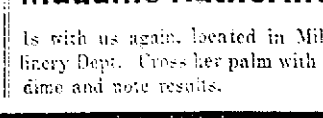
collars and new pieces.

Odds and Ends of Mixed Coatings

Ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50

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STORM BOOTS

Boys' and Youths' Heavy Tan Oil Grain with

full lengths, double soles, nailed and sewed and

high bellows tongue. Two straps and buckles.

Size 2 1-2 to 3 1-2..... \$3.00

Size 12 to 2..... \$2.50

Misses' sizes 2 1-2 to 3..... \$2.50

Misses' sizes 11 to 2..... \$2.00

For heavy out-door wear, skating, etc., a more

practical boot cannot be made.



Children's Colored Leggings

To Match Coats and Caps.

Bear Cloth, were \$1.00, now..... 75c

Astrachan, were 75c, now..... 49c

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THREE DOLLARS PER YEAR. TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER MONTH

The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1908 was

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Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pillette, pressman, of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1909. J. JOSEPH HENNESSY, Notary Public

This is by far the largest daily average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

To each and all we wish a happy New Year.

THE EARTHQUAKE HORROR.

The whole world stands aghast at the appalling news from Southern Italy where perhaps the most terrible earthquake in history has spread devastation far and wide, levelled populous cities and towns, and where the dire effects of the quake have been followed by the still more terrible horrors of fire, starvation and pestilence. In the face of a catastrophe in which the victims must certainly number over 110,000, the nations of the world have made a most admirable response to the demands for relief. But such relief must come too late for those who might have been rescued after the first shock and before the horrors of fire were added to the seismic wreckage. It will also be too late for thousands who might have been saved from death by cold or famine had relief been at hand; but so completely were even the means of communication cut off that even now five days after the occurrence not all of the disastrous results of the catastrophe have been heard from.

These convulsions of nature constitute the most instantaneous and at the same time the most terrible form of death known to history. This planet of ours of late is having many upheavals. The old volcanoes are becoming more active, while others are breaking out. By volcanic action the equilibrium of the strata of the earth is destroyed and then by the force of gravity and the revolution of the earth upon its axis, nature, by means of an earthquake, endeavors to restore the normal condition.

When a volcano belches forth gases and lava it must certainly leave a void of some kind in the bowels of the earth. Perhaps it would be wrong to call it a void for it cannot be what is known as a vacuum. If the solid matter be removed in the form of molten lava the space vacated must be filled by heated gases, the pressure of which supply the place of the solid matter sent out through the action of the volcano.

But when these gases cool then the superincumbent strata fall in to supply the "void" and an earthquake that spreads ruin and death on the surface is the result. Occasionally where volcanoes exist close to the sea coast the heated gases collected in subterranean caverns are suddenly inundated by water resulting in the most violent form of earthquake. This is probably what happened at the straits of Messina which seems to have been the storm centre of the trouble. If such were the cause of the cataclysm that has visited Southern Italy it is reasonable to assume that a change has been made affecting the centre of gravity of the earth, and we may expect another earthquake perhaps at some distant point to restore the equilibrium of the whole.

It seems rather strange that scientists can seldom give any warning of the coming of these disasters.

REFERENDUM ON NEW CHARTER

It is understood that the Board of Trade and Civic Association of this city will get their ideas on charter reform into proper shape in time to be presented to the legislature for action early in the new year. So far as we have been able to learn the features of the new charter that are favored by the majority provide for an increase in the mayor's power, the abolition of the common council and the election of the school board at large, together with the establishment of a board of public works to have charge of streets, buildings, water department and everything coming under these various departments.

The system of nominating will be modeled after the Des Moines charter, and it is probable that the members of the board of aldermen, nine in number, will hold office for a term of three years. The same arrangement is to be made in the school board.

It is not yet settled whether the appointments by the mayor will be made subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, but it would seem that in order to prevent deadlocks the mayor should have full power to appoint or remove all heads of departments so that he could be held strictly responsible for their work.

Whatever be the feature of the new charter the referendum should be attached so that it may be passed upon by the citizens of Lowell. The people of Lowell are fully convinced that a new charter is a necessity, and they are convinced also that the charters being adopted by cities like Lowell are radically different from the old charters of twenty-five or thirty years ago. For that reason we believe they are prepared to adopt a charter radically different from the old. In any case it is due to the voters that they shall have a voice in the adoption of a charter, and it will ultimately rest with them to accept or reject the charter enacted for this city by the legislature.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD.

The year just closed will go down in history as one of the worst panic years we have ever experienced. The hard times struck Lowell as heavily as most other cities of the same size and character, and but for the efforts made by the city council to provide employment for those who had long been idle the suffering would have been much more intense.

The street department had to bear the brunt of this necessary effort to afford employment, and if the expenditures have been large as a result, that was to be expected. The question to be passed upon in considering the large expenditure of that department is whether the city got its money's worth. On the whole we believe the city never got more for the money expended than in some of the permanent improvements undertaken. The sewers laid, the pavements and other improvements, many of them of the most difficult character, are worth what they cost.

The new year dawns with bright prospects. The industrial stagnation is left behind and after the tariff schemes shall have been revised, we may confidently expect to see the country launch into a new era of prosperity. That Lowell and her people will share to the fullest extent in the coming prosperity is our most ardent wish.

SEEN AND HEARD

The next few weeks, coming right after the holidays, when business affairs are quite anyway, ought to convince anybody who has any regard at all for the welfare of the city that it needs all the business it can keep in Lowell.

"Where are you going my pretty maid?" "I'm going to sneeze, kind sir," she said. "Tell me what it, my pretty maid!" "Achoo! Achoo!" was all she said.

A clerk in a Boston office building, who resides in Lowell thought he had evolved a great scheme for saving money. He told his fellow-clerks about it and one of them told the writer. "Let's put a cent in the first week," he said, "and double the amount each week for a year. By the end of that time we'll each have a pretty considerable sum. For instance, the dues for the first week will be one cent, next week two cents, next four, next eight, next 16, and so on." "That looks good," they all said, but one inquisitive chap went back to his desk and began to figure. They watched him and heard him whistle in amazement every few moments. Finally he approached the group with a paper full of figures. "Count me out of that scheme," he observed. "Why?" they asked. "You got gone fairly," he reported, "there's not enough in the world to keep it going for one man. Look here. It seems easy at first, in twelve weeks you'll be paying in \$20.48 a week. In 26 weeks, or six months, you'll each pay in as your weekly installment \$22.69.12. Now does that strike you? Well, that's nothing. Keep on doubling it, and in 52 weeks, or a year, how much do you think your week's dues will be?" "A couple of millions, I guess," answered one. "A couple of millions?" echoed the fellow who had figured it all out. "That's easy. Why, in your last week you'd pay in 21 billions, 37 billions, 691 millions, \$82 thousand, 439 dollars and 93 cents. On paper it reads \$21,027,691,882,439.98. There's not that much room-ey in the whole world. Figure it out for yourselves and try to imagine how you'll do it on \$10 a week."

One waited—Age, the lover—Till Alice could be won. His hour would time discover, The hour when youth was done, O fragrant, warm and tender! Rose lips and hair of gold, To Age must all surrender And Age will clasp and hold!

But waited longer stronger And over-held and free. "My love shall guard you longer Than all eternity!" He spoke to Alice slowly, He kissed away her breath, She turned from Age unlovely, And fled away with death.

Richard H. Fox, who will probably be appointed city marshal, is no novice in politics. Way back in 1886 he was a councilman from Ward 5. Mayor Grace was at the head of the government. The following year, 1887, Mr. Fox was elected president of the council. He has been an active worker in the republican ranks. He is a unionist, but for several years has been engaged as athletic instructor at the Y. M. C. A.—Lawrence Eagle.

Mr. Fox was a resident of Lowell before locating in Lawrence. He will be remembered by former Lowellians as a pedestrian of note who figured in contests on the old Fair Grounds. He also was an old time baseball player and covered the outer garden as a substitute for the Clippers in days of "Auld Lang Syne."

Write it 1909. Don't forget. An opportune time to get in touch with the saving banks of Lowell by beginning the New Year with depositing a little money each day or week. It will be productive of quite a little nest egg when the year 1910 comes around.

A good resolution to make for the New Year is to all your purchasing for the year 1909 in Lowell.

Happy New Year to everybody.

Take the pledge today and keep it. Au revoir leap year.

Girls, four years before you can "leap" a proposal on the members of the male persuasion. It is all up to the sterner sex now.

One week from Sunday comes the big annual St. Patrick's day convention.

Old time Lowell theatre-goers will remember Count and Countess Magri and Baron Magri, the midgets, who are now at their home in Middleboro. Their last appearance in Lowell was in the old Market Hall, and they made their headquarters at the Neptune house, then conducted by the late A. V. Partridge. They are fresh from a several weeks' engagement at St. Johns, Newfoundland, where they were very successful. This was the first visit of the trio to Newfoundland, the countess is her long career never having been there, though she has traversed nearly the world over. In

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Wish You a Pros-

perous and A

Happy New

Year

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Jeweler

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Our January Sale of Overcoats

Means a genuine reduction of prices—the FIRST reduction and the LAST also.

A MARK DOWN here is a MARK-DOWN from prices that were fair to begin with and THIS is the ONLY MARK DOWN on OVERCOATS that will be made.

THE SALE STARTED SPLENDIDLY

Of the finest Coats the number is limited and every day there are fewer to sell.

We clean up our stocks each season, so every garment we offer in this sale is NEW and fashionable.

No goods are bought for sale purposes—whatever is advertised is our regular high class merchandise; reduced in prices to close the lots.

ALL OF ROGERS-PEET'S MOST EXPENSIVE OVERCOATS

Lined with silk, finest patent beavers, kerseys and coatings that sold for \$40 and \$45, now marked \$30

ROGERS-PEET'S FINE OVERCOATS

Made from fine coatings in black, Oxford and olive. They're the finer grade coats that sold for \$35, none less than \$30, all now \$25

ROGERS-PEET'S OVERCOATS

THAT SOLD FOR \$25, NOW \$20

Handsome black and Cambridge meltons, all made with worsted linings and deep satin yokes—the few that remain from our \$25 lots today, \$20

ALL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S BLACK, BLUE AND OXFORD OVERCOATS

To fit young men from 31 to 36 breast measure, marked as below:

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$20 and \$25—now \$15

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$15—now \$10

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$12—now \$8.00

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$8.00—now \$6.00

All of the New Fancy Overcoats

And they're every one strictly new, have been marked down to the limit.

All Fancy Overcoats

Olive, smoke shades and fancy tweeds, with military or regular collars, sold up to \$22, now to close \$15

All Fancy Overcoats

Full box back, 46 and 50 inches long, new shades of olive and slate, sold for \$15 and \$16, now to close for \$10

Young Men's Swagger Fancy Overcoats

All new—cut on the latest models—sold for \$10 and \$12—now to close \$7.50



Two weeks the trio will begin an engagement in Philadelphia. In March they go to France, where they have a seven-months' engagement in the "midget city" in Paris, a gathering of little people from all over the world. From here they plan to go to Italy, where they will visit members of the count and baron's family. For the first time in eighteen years, and the first time in the history of the world, a period of rest and repose. "Do you ever think of retiring?" asked the countess recently. "No," he replied. "Home is pleasant, no country place could be more so than this. But when at night you look at all and see only perhaps a dim light here and there, it is then you come to long for the footlights."

PEOPLE OF NOTE

The memorial to John Hanson which is to be placed in Westchester Park will take the form of a stained glass window depicting scenes in the life of the first president of the United States.

100 points. He set out his orchard of 50 acres in 1805, and it contains approximately 7000 pear trees of several varieties, 1,500 peach trees, and 1,340 apple trees. From his apple trees he took more than 8,000 boxes this season. Mr. Horan took the lead in an exhibit representing practically every apple belt in the country. Of fruit growing as a business, he says: "All the orchardists of our country are making money, and many of them spend their winters in southern California."

Governor Glenn of North Carolina, whose term of office expires with the close of the present year, has been engaged by the senate of North Carolina to spend the first six months of 1909 in canvassing the state in the interest of Presbyterian home missions.

Joseph Devlin, Nationalist, M. P., for Belfast, received an enthusiastic welcome upon his return to Belfast. Mr. Devlin spoke in the highest terms of the success of his mission to the United States and declared that Americans

His night tonight. Present Hall. If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Lowell, Friday, January 1, 1909.

A. G. POLLARD CO.

"THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

"Today better than yesterday." This will be our endeavor for the coming year. Better service and better values; and we start off today with our Department Clearance Sales offering tremendous price reductions—Bear in mind that every department in the store will hold its special three days' sale some time during this month at which time you'll find as remarkable and even more attractive values than these that are ready today.

The Greatest Values Ever Offered
in Lowell in

NEW AND FASHIONABLE

Men's Wear

Are in evidence among these most interesting price reductions. As we have often stated this is the best men's wear store in this section.

House Jackets.....1-3 less than regular prices

Bath Robes.....1-3 less than regular prices

\$1 Underwear reduced to.....50c a garment

Men's Union Suits at.....1-2 regular prices

Regular \$1 Shirts.....59c each, 4 for \$2.00

\$1.50 and \$2 Shirts, only.....98c each

Men's 50c Negligees.....3 for \$1.00

50c and 75c Night Shirts.....29c each, 4 for \$1.00

Some \$1 and \$1.50 Pajamas, only.....50c a suit

White Bosom Shirts, were 50c, 75c.....29c each

All Our 50c Neckties.....35c each, 3 for \$1.00

All our 25c Neckties.....18c each, 3 for 50c

Solled and Mussed Ties, values up to \$1.00.....15c each, 2 for 25c

Men's 50c Hosiery.....Only 29c a pair

25c Half Hose.....15c, 2 pairs for 25c

Regular 15c Hose.....10c pair, 3 for 25c

See Merrimack Street Window

EAST SECTION

LEFT AISLE

The Books

Went Out Fast Yesterday at These
Prices—

All our 10c Books, only.....5c each

All our 15c Books, only.....10c each

All our 19c Books, only.....10c each

All our 25c Books, only.....19c each

1 lot of 30c Books, only.....25c each

1 lot of 45c Books.....3 for \$1.00

1 lot of 49c Books only.....35c each

1 lot of 90c Books, only.....69c each

1 lot of 98c Books, only.....79c each

1 lot of \$1.08 Books, only.....79c each

3 sets Ragged Dick series, were \$2.50 set, now.....\$1.75 set

25 copies Birds That Hunt and Are Hunted—illustrated in color—were 89c, now.....69c

3 copies Christmas Carols, by George Withers—illustration on each page—were \$3.00, now \$1.30

International Bibles—

Bibles that were 50c now.....39c

Bibles that were \$1.50, now.....\$1.00

Bibles that were \$1.75, now.....\$1.15

Bibles that were \$1.25, now.....\$1.25

Bibles that were \$2.25, now.....\$1.50

Bibles that were \$2.50, now.....\$1.75

1 lot of shopworn Bibles that sold for \$1.25 to \$2.75 each, now.....75c each

All Calendars, Booklets and Cards are
One-Half Price

PALMER STREET

CENTRE AISLE

**Ladies' Garments,
Suits, Etc.**

Reduced Without Regard to Cost Profit

And besides our very low prices there's the satisfaction of knowing that garments from here are distinct in their fashion, properly fitted and made by the best and most reliable manufacturers. Reasons why we claim ours the best values.

TAILORED SUITS

In all the new shades of broadcloth, serges, worsteds and mannish mixtures—made in the latest models.

VALUE	SALE PRICE
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Suits.....	\$7.50
\$15.00 and \$16.50 Suits.....	\$10.00
\$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits.....	\$15.00
\$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits.....	\$18.50
\$32.50 and \$35.00 Suits.....	\$20.00

COATS

In broadcloth coats, ulsters, Canard cloth coats, all lengths, from 30 to 50 inches.

\$15.00 and \$16.50 Coats.....	\$5.00
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Coats.....	\$8.50
\$16.50 and \$18.50 Coats.....	\$12.50
\$25.00 and \$27.50 Coats.....	\$18.50

CHILDREN'S COATS

In broadcloth, kersey, cheviot and worsteds, all colors, plain or broad trimmed, all sizes.

\$2.98 and \$3.50 Coats.....	\$1.98
\$2.98 Coats.....	\$2.98
\$1.98 Coats.....	\$3.98
\$1.98 Coats.....	\$5.00
\$7.98 Coats.....	\$5.98
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Coats.....	\$7.50

FUR COATS

\$75.00 Russian Pony Coat.....	\$55.00
\$100.00 Fur Lined Coat.....	\$75.00
\$50.00 Fur Lined Coat.....	\$37.50

CHILDREN'S FURS

\$1.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	98c
\$2.98 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$1.98
\$3.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$2.50
\$3.98 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$2.98
\$7.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$5.98

VOILE AND SILK DRESSES

\$10.00 Taffeta Dresses.....	\$7.50
\$12.50 Messaline Dresses.....	\$8.98
\$15.00 Voile and Taffeta Dresses.....	\$10.00
\$16.50 Taffeta Dresses.....	\$12.50

RAIN COATS

\$8.50 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$5.98
\$10.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$7.50
\$15.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$10.00
\$20.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$13.50
\$22.50 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$15.00
\$25.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$16.50

TAFFETA AND SATIN SKIRTS

\$15.00 Black Taffeta Skirts.....	\$5.00
\$15.00 Black Satin Skirts.....	\$7.50

SWEATERS

\$1.50 Sweaters.....	98c
\$2.98 Sweaters.....	\$1.98

FLANHELETTE KIMONAS

49c Kimonas.....	39c
75c and 98c Kimonas.....	69c

FUR RUFFS

25 per cent. reduction on our entire stock of Fur Ruffs.

FURS

Special January reductions in our Fur Dept.

PETTICOATS

\$3.50 Mohair Petticoats.....	\$1.98
\$2.98 Embroidered Herkesham Petticoats.....	\$1.98
\$2.98 Satin Petticoats.....	\$1.98

EXTRA LARGE PETTICOATS

\$1.98 and \$2.50 extra large Screen and Heather-bloom Petticoats, made especially full for large women. Sale price.....98c

BLACK KERSEY CAPES

\$5.00 and \$7.50 Capes.....	\$2.98
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WAISTS

Our entire stock of Tailored Waists, made of French muscades and lined, and sold from \$2.98 to \$1.98

Owing to the big reduction which have been made for this sale, a small chance for alterations will be asked

CLOAK DEPT.

SECOND FLOOR

**BASEMENT BAR-
GAIN DEPT.**

Some of Our January
Bargains

**GOOD VALUES FROM OUR
SHEETING COUNTER**

Full yard wide, bleached cotton, new, soft quality, in large pieces, 8c value.....5 1/2c Yard
Fine bleached cotton, in half prices, very nice quality, full yard wide, 16c value.....At 7c Yard
10-inch unbleached cotton, very fine quality, easily bleached for sheets and pillow cases, 11c value.....At 6 1/2c Yard
Dwight seamless Sheeting, the best family cotton made.
8-1 wide seamless.....29c
8-4 wide seamless.....25c
10-4 wide seamless.....25c

**SOME OF OUR GOOD BARGAINS
IN BLANKET DEPT.**

10-4 Fancy Striped Cotton Blankets, full size, made of selected stock, and all fast colors, 75c value, Only 45c Pair

11-1 Gray and White Blankets, nice thick nap and warm blankets, for double bed, 80c value.....At 49c Pair

One case of fine Gray Wool Flannel Blankets, full 11-4 size, and very heavy. This same blanket is advertised all over New England, at \$1.40 pair.....Our Price 90c Pair

Wool Blankets at lower prices than all cotton blankets, full 11-4 size, white wool blankets, good, heavy quality, with fast color borders and silk bound, \$2.50 value.....At \$1.50 Pair

Wool Blankets, 11-4 size, very heavy blanket, with thick and warm wool borders, pink, blue and red borders; solid pairs and perfect; \$5 value.....At \$3.50

**BED COMFORTERS AT LOW
PRICES**

Five bales of full sized comforters filled with clean, white batting and covered with good, fast color silk and lined, 10c value; good large size for double bed, \$1.50 value at \$1.10

Three bales of good comforters, regular and extra size, covered with fine silk and lined, 10c value; good large size for double bed, \$1.50 value at \$1.10

About 20 nice down puffs filled with pure down and covered with finest domestic satin; \$5.00 value.....At \$4.50

20 pieces of all linen crash towel; good and heavy quality; 10c value.....At 6 1/2c Yard

One case of good twill cotton toweling, woven seersucker and good soft quality; 6 1/2 value.....At 1c Yard

**BARGAINS IN OUR BOYS'
CLOTHING DEPT.**

Boys' Knee Pants, made of good wool cloth and well made; 50c value.....At 25c pair

Kneebockers, made of good corduroy, fancy wool mixture and dark blue cheviot, well made, and full size; 75c value.....At 50c pair

Boys' Russian Overcoats and Reefers at reduced prices.
\$2.50 value at \$1.50
\$3.00 value at \$2.00
\$4.00 value at \$2.50
\$5.00 value at \$3.00

One case of Pillow Slips, made of the best brand of cotton (4x36 and 4x48), slips worth from 12c to 15c each.....Only 12c Each

Just opened a new lot of these yard wide Outing Flannels, all new patterns, made for next season, handsome stripes and plain colors, 10c value.....At 10c Yard

**SPECIAL VALUES IN TURKISH
TOWELS**

Just received, Five Cases of Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, all lots and run of the mill at much less than regular prices.

Two Cases of Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, lemon, pink, white and blue, 10c value. At the Bath Towel Case, Good Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, good large size, 12x22 inches, extra good value at 10c. Sale Price, 15c Each

One Case of Extra Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, in good quality, extra large, 16x24 inches, 15c value, at 10c Each

12 Dozen Ladies' and Men's Out Socks, white with pattern, fine, made long and full size, good heavy yarn, made of good clean yarn, usually sold at \$1.25.....70c Each

**Tea and Coffee
Special**

For 77c

5 lb. Sugar
1 lb. Coffee
1-2 lb. Tea
1 Can Milk
1 Can Fruit

**LOWELL WILL RESPOND.**

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

TWKSBUURY

In both the Centre and the North Twksbury churches the holiday period was fittingly observed by Christmas trees.

An impressive Christmas cantata was given in the Evangelical church last Sunday evening by a chorus of 25 voices. The first part, entitled "Promise," was in the words of the Old Testament, and the music was of a majestic, serious sort. The last part, entitled "Fulfillment," was of happy, rejoicing, glorious music. It was written in the spirit of the middle ages, and the legends and imagination of that time heightened the effect of the story. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Walter Mussey of Lowell, Mrs. P. O. Kahle, Mrs.

P. A. Flint, Mr. C. P. Littlehale and Rev. B. C. Henry. There were duets by Mrs. H. L. Littlehale and Mr. C. P. Littlehale. Two numbers were sung by the Littlehale quartet. A very pleasing number was sung by a male quartet, Messrs. C. P. and H. L. Littlehale, Chester Bancroft and John Shaw, with a soprano obligato by Mrs. Mussey.

One most pleasing feature was a lullaby, consisting of a solo by Mrs. Kahle, with a trio and violin obligato by Mr. H. L. Littlehale. The church was packed.

In the North Twksbury Baptist church a sociable was held in the vestry on Wednesday evening, under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Fleming and Mrs. George Bennett. The entertain-

ment given was by the Bennett-Fleming Entertainment Co. The participants were: Miss Molly Fleming, reader; Misses Maude and Edna Bennett, soloists; J. G. Fleming, reader, and Miss Lola Talbot, accompanist. Miss Henrietta Trull spent Sunday in North Twksbury.

Monday night the young men of North Twksbury invited the young ladies of the town to a straw ride. All rode over to Grange hall in Andover. Refreshments were served and a general good time was in order.

The Hillside club of North Twksbury met Tuesday night at the home of Miss Frances Trull. A debate was the principal feature of the evening, the subject being "Woman Suffrage." The negative side won.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hatch of Twksbury Centre spent Christmas in Tyngsboro.

Jesse R. Taft has returned to New York again after his Christmas visit with his parents.

Miss Olive Coburn is better.

Miss Harriet B. Whitaker is spending a week's vacation at home.

Great anxiety is felt for the safety of Mrs. J. C. Kittredge and her two daughters, former residents of this town, who were sojourning at Tearamina, a hill town of Sicily, lying between Messina and Catania, the centre of the recent terrible earthquake disturbances.

The children of the state hospital enjoyed a Christmas tree, the gifts for the same being furnished by the Twksbury Woman's Missionary society.

Miss Susie Whittemore has been confined to her home since Sunday.

It is reported that there are four cases of diphtheria in Twksbury.

Mrs. H. P. Dinsmore has been called to Framingham, N. H., on account of her sister's illness.

LOWELL EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Rev. H. E. Shattuck addressed the Lowell Education club yesterday, talking for his subject, "The Word to Women." He based his remarks on I Cor. 11, 1: "The woman is the glory of man." The address proved highly interesting and instructive. Selections were read by Mrs. W. Dana Hill, Mrs. A. C. Huston, Mrs. M. Merrill, Mrs. J. P. Rachel, and Miss Nancy D. Moody of Burgess street.

HELD WHIST PARTY

A well attended whist party was held last night by Club Social de Centralville. Two teams, one captained by Joseph Perron, and the other by Fred Lussier, contested for honors, the latter team winning by a score of 160 to 140. Prizes were awarded to the eight leading individual pairs, among the two teams their scores being as follows:

Joseph Perron and Ludger David, 25 points; Albert Marcotte and Wilfred Barrett, 34; Godfrey Caron and Gabriel Malin, 32; Edmond Traversy and Pierre Desrochers, 31; Wm. Dagen and Severin Robert, 29; Alfred Bourassa and Remi Elmond, 29; Joseph Tremblay and Henry Chretien, 28; Henri Buzzell and Calixte Lequin, 24; Louis Marcel Chenevert and John Landry.

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THE PRESIDENT

Roundly Scored by Virginia Man

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Charles B. Hazard, a wealthy Virginian who lives on a 20-acre suburban tract near Rock Creek Park, where his young daughter takes daily rides, has sent the following letter to the president:

"The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt.
"Sir—My little daughter, Martha, 11 years old, came home about two weeks ago from a horse-back ride crying and stated that she had been arrested by you while riding in Rock Creek Park. "She informs me that she unexpectedly came upon your party and guard, and not wishing to pass you, she simply rode slowly back of you until she should come to a road that would lead her toward home, whereupon you turned on her and asked her if she did not think she had followed you long enough, and ordered her to take a side-road which would lead her away from home."

"She refused to do this, and promptly told you she would take the other road, which led her toward her home, and she did so."

"I notice from an article in the Evening Star of this city that you angrily turned upon some college girls, knocking the hat of one of the young ladies from the street, and at the

same time striking her horse with your crop for passing you."

"Did you expect my daughter to dismount upon meeting you? I cannot comprehend how a gentleman could accost young girls, unprovoked, on a public road, with fits of anger. As for my little girl, she shall take her rides as usual, and if she should be so unfortunate as to meet you again, I feel confident that this communication from me will be sufficient to assure her safety hereafter."
(Signed) "Charles B. Hazard."

DAUGHTER DEAD

Couple Decided to End Their Lives

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Unable to endure the thought of spending their declining years alone and without the cheering presence of a daughter, whom they both worshipped, Prof. J. P. Gordy of New York university and his wife committed suicide yesterday a few hours after the death of their daughter.

The girl, who was 28 years old, had been suffering for weeks from pneumonia and died yesterday.

After giving way to their grief for nearly two hours, the parents of the young woman appeared to grow more resigned and the physician and nurses left, feeling that nothing they could do would comfort the couple.

The two then retired to their apartments and getting into bed, emptied the contents of three bottles of chloroform on the pillow between them. Two hours later Prof. James P. Gordy of the New York university, who lives in apartments adjoining those of Prof. Gordy, caught the odor of chloroform and traced it to the apartments of his friend.

After vainly waiting for some answer to his persistent ringing, Prof. Gordy summoned Dr. Van Stuynder, the family physician, and the two broke in the door.

Making their way to the bedroom of the professor and his wife, they found the couple clasped in each other's arms and both dead.

Four letters were found, one of which gave detailed instructions for the burial.

Prof. Gordy was 58 years old and a native of Maryland. He was a PhD of the university of Leipzig, and LL.D. of the Western university of Pennsylvania and a recognized authority in the field of political history. On the faculty of New York university the professor filled the chair of professor of American history and pedagogy.

FROM Y. M. C. A.

Chief of Police of Lawrence Chosen

LAWRENCE, Jan. 1.—Constellation of stars in the police department, owing to a statement made yesterday by Mayor-elect White, that sweeping changes are to be made after his inauguration on Monday next. The changes will include the deposition of City Marshal John E. Sheehan and Assistant Marshal Samuel C. Logan, both of whom will be assigned to posts as patrolmen, and also the bringing of charges against a number of police officers, who will be granted hearings if they so desire.

Richard H. Fox, physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A., will be appointed city marshal, and has already notified the mayor-elect that he will accept the office, and Patrolman Chas. R. Voss will be appointed assistant city marshal. Patrolman Sergt. Wm. R. Sheehan will probably be appointed captain of the night watch, but it is expected that the present incumbent, Capt. J. J. Sullivan, will contest the attempt to remove him, and will be given a hearing.

Mayor-elect White has given out that there will be sweeping changes in the police, but that the city marshal will have full charge of the reorganization, and that it will take a full week to do it.

Yesterday Matthew De Gray Ripen, who is to be the mayor's private secretary, secured from City Auditor Sheehan a list of city lands held up by Mayor Kane. They totalled over \$20,000.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Meadow-Brook Farm" which is W. E. Mann's new offering is a play peculiarly and provincially of a New England type, and is bound to outlive many more pretentious dramas. It portrays truly the character of the Yankee and it pictures scenes of culminating interest in a New England settlement, but this is merely a narrow view of the play, as it is one that contains intense interest which appeals straight to the heart of a constituency that perhaps never saw New England.

"Uncle St. Holden," "Tim Stocum."

LOOK OUT FOR THAT COLD

Laxative Cold Tablets

Have Saved Many From Pneumonia

For sale only at

GOODALE'S DRUG STORE.

and "Shin Smith" the Town Constable and Justice of the peace and their inmates are more repetitions of boyhood's associates, which will cause almost any city man to swear to an affidavit that he has been carried back to the time of his youth.

J. J. Swafford has been especially engaged to create the part of "Shin Smith" in "Meadow-Brook Farm" which will be seen at the Opera House tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

"COME BACK TO ERIN"

Did you ever hear Charles Mack sing the real Irish "Bagpipes"? His "Wearing of the Green" and "Believe Me It's All There" Endearing Young Charms" will surely captivate you. Mack in "Come Back to Erin" will be the attraction at the Opera House, Tuesday, January 5th.

YIDDISH PLAYERS

An attraction which is rarely seen here will be given at the Opera House, Jan. 5 when the celebrated Yiddish estate company who have at its head Miss Regina Prager, known as the Yiddish Patti, and Mr. K. Jeweller, the Yiddish tenor singer and celebrated Yiddish actor. These two Yiddish operatic stars have caused a great sensation in the City of New York City where they are the most prominent in their line and have also scored a tremendous hit wherever and whenever they have made their appearance. They will present here "The Sacrifice," a play of Yiddish life interwoven with sweet melodious music of the Oriental type. The supporting company is composed of the best talent of the Yiddish theatres.

"PAID IN FULL"

Hapner's Weekly, speaking of Eugene Wadner's play "Paid in Full," said:

"Paid in Full" is a play for which the author, Mr. Eugene Wadner, deserves much commendation. The play, from beginning to end, is extremely well done both by playwright and company, and the interest might well be added to the title as an expression of what the audience derives from it.

"The play deals with humble persons; humble, that is, in comparison with the 'high society' folk one is accustomed to see strutting through the measures of social drama. It is just what it should be—quick, alert, full of interest."

"Paid in Full" will be the attraction at the Opera House January 7, 8 and 9 with a Saturday matinee. The Waggoner & Kemper Co. will send here the notable cast of players that presented this celebrated play in New York, where it ran two years.

HATHAWAY'S THEATRE

One reads a lot about the regeneration of criminals, but it's seldom indeed that the cause of such reform is

In view of the deep price-cutting, we cannot permit memo charges. Sales must be final and for cash only.

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RELIABILITY

214 Merrimack Street.

Waists Cut In Halves or two for the price of one

BEGINNING FRIDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY

Rarely or ever have you seen or heard of Waist values like these—Only once in a life-time are such worthy and reliable goods offered at these TERRIBLE SACRIFICES.

Mistakes are costly—We told you before we bought too heavy—but our bitter medicine should be sweet to you. The 25 per cent. Discount Sale announced Monday left us with many broken assortments and sizes, so we have grouped the balance in lots making perfect size lists and will make a clean sweep, beginning Friday, New Year's Day, at HALF PRICE and LESS.

Every waist is from our own regular stock and will be found "CLEAN AS A HOUND'S TOOTH." If you miss the final clearance, you'll miss something that may never be duplicated again. Our entire shop is practically given over to waists and extra saleswomen are here to wait upon you promptly.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS

You will find them with long and short sleeves, button front or back.

When we say HALF PRICE we mean just what we say, nothing more, nothing less.

They are grouped in four lots—each containing a complete line of sizes as follows:

Lot	Regular Price	SALE PRICE
Lot 1		
Consists of practically all styles in Lawn, Batiste, Madras.	95c	48c
Lot 2		
You'll find Lawn, Batiste, Madras, Linen, Silk Poplins, Brilliantines and Nun's Veilings. The three last named come in navy and black. All sizes.	1.95	98c
Lot 3		
Comprises Scotch Flannels, Lawns, Batiste, Laces—ecru and white.	2.95	1.48
Lot 4		
Is made up of fine Lawns, Batiste, Beautiful Laces and Roman Stripe French Flannels. They have been reduced from \$4.95 and \$5.50.	4.95 AND 5.50	2.48

In conjunction with this sale we will offer all our Belts at exactly Half Price. \$2 Belts for \$1. \$1 Belts for 50c. 50c Belts for 25c.



Here's the Most Interesting News in This Paper

The Big Manufacturer's Outlet Sale

Sweeps Resistlessly Onward

The magnetism of the myriad bargains of the Manufacturer's Outlet Sale is daily crowding the store with shoppers from far and near. And little wonder!

In this sale your money goes as far as it possibly will in the purchase of good, reliable merchandise. The buying power of your dollars is developed to fullest possible extent. Every cent you spend here now brings you a measure of value heaped-up, pressed down and running over.

Strong claims, say you? Yes—yet not strong enough. A visit to the store will convince you that we have rather under-stated than exaggerated the immensity of the stocks—the high-quality character of the goods and the wonderful lowness of the prices.

Worth Investigation, Isn't It?

<p>40 to 50 Per Cent. Saving on</p> <p>MEN'S SUITS</p> <p>A bold price cut that makes it unnecessary for men to wear any but our superior ready-to-wear suits.</p> <p>\$10 and \$12 Suits at \$6.50</p> <p>At this price we offer a broad choice of models and colorings, as in the higher priced, including black clay, blue, serge, brown, fancy mixed worsteds and fancy chevrons.</p> <p>Men's Pants at About Half Price</p> <p>Look in our window for styles and prices.</p>	<p>ABOUT ONE-HALF PRICE</p> <p>For Neckwear and Winter Caps</p> <p>13c—For handsome silk 4-in. Handkerchiefs. 25c value.</p> <p>18c—For the latest silk 4-in. Hands. 50c patterns.</p> <p>10c—For Men's and Boys' Double Band Winter Caps. 25c value.</p> <p>19c—For Men's and Boys' Fur Inside Band Caps. 50c value.</p> <p>15c—For Little Boys' Furry Wool Worsted Toggles. 40c value.</p> <p>38c—For Men's Blue Melton and Kersey, Double Band Driving Caps. 50c and 75c value.</p> <p>98c—For Men's Fur Band Caps. \$1.50 value.</p>	<p>ABOUT ONE-HALF PRICE</p> <p>For Underwear Hose and Gloves</p> <p>19c—For Boys' Heavy Flannel Lined Underwear. 38c value.</p> <p>33c—For Men's Heavy Flannel Lined Underwear. 50c value.</p> <p>29c—For Men's Heavy Jersey Ribbed Underwear. In four colors. 50c value.</p> <p>15c—For Men's Heavy Wool and Cashmere Hose. 25c value.</p> <p>15c—For Men's and Boys' Woolen Gloves. 25c value.</p> <p>48c—For Boys' Heavy Fur Gloves. 75c value.</p> <p>9c—For Men's and Boys' Socks. 15c value.</p> <p>15c—For Handsome Lisle Tricot and Webbing Suspenders. 25c value.</p>	<p>20 Per Cent. Off</p> <p>All Men's Overcoats</p> <p>By this we mean unrestricted choice of Overcoats—everything from conservative staples to the very latest departures in models of extreme cut, color and fabrics.</p> <p>You Look at the Price Ticket and Pay Us</p> <p>Just 20 Per Cent. Less</p> <p>Than Marked Price</p>
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BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT REDUCED PRICES

J. L. CHALIFOUX

49 to 59 CENTRAL ST.

told. In "Weaving the Net," which Miss Lisle Leigh and company give at Hathaway's this week, a most unusual incident occurs. This brings about the return to the good life of the woman who is known to the police of New York as "Kid Gloved Nan." In a moment of much dramatic intensity, the woman surrenders the life of a thief to become a woman of respectability and decency. It all happens just as the girls are singing out the news of the New Year's advent.

Howard & North, very funny men, with plenty of new ideas, give their hilarious sketch entitled "Back in Wellington." The sketch is a sequel to "Those Were the Happy Days" which pleased so well last season. In it Mr. Howard is seen pushing a baby carriage and attending its occupant, while his wife goes to the village store. And he is happy and humorous through it all. Morrissey & Ayer, a couple of well dressed young men, tickle the piano keys and then sing. One of their best songs is the great Cohen hit "Shiloh." Other acts on the bill are: "Fascino," shadowgraphist; Mack & Dagen company in "Grit's Thanksgiving"; Flying Martians, aerialists; Strick and London, cycling acrobats and jumpers; and the hitherto, with two thrilling pictures.

Performances will be given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week. At the matinees today all children received boxes of candy.

All the old favorites, the grocery man, the best girl and boy, and the mail man at the Academy again, and two large audiences roared at the antics of that boy once more. The boy? Why, it's "Kid Gloved Nan," of course, the girl of mischief who has made the whole company laugh. He is at the Academy for the remainder of the moving picture week with the comedian of the famous stock company repeating the many funny gags and sayings as if he were there himself. The picture is in this celebrated picture and are represented vocally by the members of the Drama company and as a matter of fact, the picture is a very good one. The picture is a very good one. The picture is a very good one.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

"Strongheart," the piece which has been so successfully produced by Robert Edson, is the theme of the talking picture at the Star theatre. It was presented for the first time Thursday afternoon. "Big Bear" is seen alighting from a train, enters the university grounds, and sees a college youth forcing attentions on a pretty girl. He intervenes in the young woman's behalf. Later he saves her from being injured in a runaway accident. This scene is very thrilling. "Big Bear" in the football game, the stabbing affair, and the death of "Big Bear," are the scenes in chronological order. It is perhaps one of the best moving pictures ever produced.

Freeman's famous performing goats furnish one of the best acts ever seen in Lowell. To begin with the goats have a prayer meeting. There is a minister, deacon and Sunday school. The trainer is unable to disperse them until he says Amen. The tight rope walking is a pronounced feature of this act, which cannot be duplicated by four footed animals of any kind.

New illustrated songs, "Dixie and the Girl I Love," and "Look Out, Here Comes an American," were sung Thursday.

For the admission price of five cents, which entitles patrons to seats, the entertainment at the Star theatre exceeds any in Lowell.

GARDE ST. PAUL

HELD MILITARY PARTY LAST EVENING

Garde Saint Paul held a delightful military dance in O. U. A. M. hall last evening. The hall was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue bunting and with Old Glory and tricolor much in evidence. Among the guests were members of the Garde d'Honneur and Garde d'Entraide, and the uniforms of the members of the three military bodies enhanced the beauty of the ball room scene.

A dance program of 18 numbers was afterwards enjoyed, opening with a grand march in which participated about 75 couples. Nearly all of the masculine marchers were members of

the three guards present. Second Lieut. Zoltique Gregorie of the Garde Frontenac and Miss Violet Fowler led the march, followed by Sergt. Michel Buote of the Garde Saint Paul and Mrs. Buote, Capt. Joseph L. Pigeon of the Garde Saint Paul and Mrs. Pigeon, First Sergt. Nelson Phillips of the Garde d'Honneur and Miss Martha Favreau, etc.

Ice cream and other refreshments were served.

The officers of the evening were as follows:

Reception committee—Capt. J. L. Pigeon, Lieut. G. E. Girard, Lieut. Geo. Labrie, Sergt. M. Buote, Sergt. E. Lambert, Sergt. A. Mercier, Chief Bugler E. Belleville, Col. Sergt. P. Leblanc, Col. Sergt. A. Mircault, Sergt. E. Lamoureux, Sergt. D. Lapierre, Amb. Cor. Dr. A. Bertrand.

Gen. Mgr. Sergt. Michel Buote; assistant general manager, Sergt. Arthur Mercier; floor director, Sergt. David Lafriere; assistant floor director, Sergt. Oscar Leclair; chief aid, Corp. Alfred Roberge; assistant chief aid, Corp. A. Poiroux.

Aids—Corp. A. Perrault, Corp. P. Brown, Sergt. W. Leblanc and Privates H. Perrin, N. Ayotte, O. Cyr, M. Brodeur, J. Briere, G. Bourassa, A. Bourgeois, T. Mainville, A. Belleville, C. Harais, P. Desrochers, J. Couillard, J. Beauvais.

"Bad Blood"

shows itself in a muddy complexion, pimples, blurred eyesight, loss of weight, and general debility.

"Bad blood" is impoverished blood—too poor and thin to furnish nourishment to the flesh, nerves and vital organs.

Beecham's Pills

by their beneficial action on the system will purify the blood and upbuild the bodily and mental vigor. Beecham's Pills begin aright by correcting the digestion and establishing regularity of the bowels. They increase the health-making elements that enrich the blood and give tone and vigor. Beecham's Pills are best for poor blood as they cleanse it thoroughly and

Carry off Impurities

in boxes with full directions 10c. and 25c.



PREPARED INSTANTLY. Simply add boiling water, cooled and served. 10c. per package of 10 packets. 2 flavors. Refuse all substitutes.

NIGHT EDITION

LOST A BIG ROLL

Geo. W. Casey Dropped \$758
in Central Street

Who is the man who is starting the new year by holding out \$758 that doesn't belong to him?

George W. Casey of 45 Willow street lost a pocketbook containing \$758, between the Traders' bank in Middlesex street and the Lowell Inn, in Central street, about 9 o'clock this morning, and although he discovered his loss within 10 minutes and immediately sent out half a dozen men to scour Central street, no trace of the missing money could be found.

Mr. Casey bought a piece of property from William A. Cogger and was to make a payment of \$750 on it today. At 9 o'clock he went to the Traders' bank and drew the money. Upon receiving it he added to it \$8 that he had in his pocket and placing the wad in his trousers pocket started down Central street to meet Mr. Cogger. He entered the Lowell Inn where his son is employed and met Mr. Hoban, the proprietor. In response to Mr. Hoban's question as to what brought him down town so early he placed his hand in his pocket and discovered his loss. He immediately retraced his steps to the bank while his son and several men from the Lowell Inn started after him looking over the ground carefully. Mr. Casey arrived at the bank at just 9.12 or 12 minutes after he had drawn out the money. He is unable to state whether a pickpocket got to him or whether the money slipped out of his pocket.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Special Services in the Churches

New Year's day was specially observed by the French American residents of Lowell today who are still attached to the old customs and remember the joyous holiday as observed in France and Canada.

The keepers of grocery and provision stores in the French American quarter of Lowell were generous in giving their employees a holiday for this afternoon and in Little Canada particularly, not one shop of any kind was open while the majority of French stores in Little Canada, Pawtucketville and along Ford, Moody, Merrimack and Salem streets were also closed.

In the churches there was the usual celebration attendant upon a holy day of obligation, with all of the masses largely attended. In addition to the service the pastors or celebrants of the

masses wished their people a happy and prosperous New Year.

All of the masses in the other Catholic churches of Lowell were largely attended this morning.

At the church of the Immaculate Conception last night, an impressive service was held to mark the reaching of another milestone in the pilgrimage of life. It consisted of the Miserere, sung to note the shortcomings of the year just closing and to express sorrow therefor, and the Te Deum, in expression of the hope for graces in the year to come, ending with benediction of the blessed sacrament. The service was conducted by Rev. Dennis A. Sullivan, O. M. I., who sang antiphonally with the choir the verses of the great Ambrosian hymn, his two voices being heard with pleasure by the attentive congregation. This recognition of the end of one year and the beginning of another has been the annual practice at this church for years, and is always an occasion of much interest.

Tonight there will be the usual first Friday of the month devotion to the Sacred Heart in all of the Catholic churches.

FIRST TELEGRAM

TO SUN OFFICE CONTAINED NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

"A happy, prosperous and successful New Year to you," was the greeting of the first telegram received in the Sun office early this morning. It came from J. L. Conant & Co., the well known auctioneers, who annually on New Year's day send their greetings out by telegram.

DEATHS

HORNE—Miss Emily A. Horne, aged 78 years, 11 months, died this noon at her late home, 106 Chestnut street. She is survived by one brother, George W. Horne, of Lawrence, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral notice later.

FUNERAL NOTICES

LOCKHART—Died in this city, Dec. 31, at 46 Mammoth road, Alma R. Lockhart, aged 22 years. Funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her home, 46 Mammoth road. Friends invited. Burial private and in charge of Funeral Director J. A. Weinbeck.

GRANT & CO.

We have received our second shipment of High Grade Furs and extend to all who intend to purchase either a Muff, Neckpiece or both, to look at this stock of High Grade Furs and get our prices. We know that we are in a position to save you many dollars on your Fur purchases.

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A SCOURGE EXTRA
ILLEGAL KEEPINGCharged Against Proprietors of
Hotels in Dracut

The Lowell Law and Order league is still waging an active campaign against alleged violators of the law in the town of Dracut, and as a result of work done by the league in that town the licensees of the Lakeside Inn and Lakeview Hotel have been summoned into court to plead to complaints charging them with the illegal keeping of liquor.

In court this morning complaints of illegal keeping against Owen J. Carney and John C. McLaughlin of the Lakeview hotel were read. Mr. McLaughlin was present but service had not been made on Mr. Carney at the time owing to the fact that he is out of town. Quincy C. Bird, representing Lawyer Guy O. Ham, asked that the case be put over till the fifth, at which time a date would be assigned for the trial.

Though the complaint against Adelard Nolan of the Lakeside Inn for alleged illegal keeping was read, it was learned that the summons had not been served. Mr. Nolan, however, had been notified of the summons and telephoned in that he would appear in court later, which he did.

In the above mentioned complaints it states that the alleged violations occurred on "August 2d, 1908, and divers other days and times from that date till the date of the complaint."

LESS DIPHTHERIA OFFICER HOWARD

In 1908 Than in the Year Previous Has Been Retired on a Pension

The year's list of contagious diseases and deaths from the same has been made out by the health department and shows that although there has been much talk and worry over the prevalence of diphtheria there were less than half as many cases this year as there were during the year previous. Typhoid and measles were more prevalent this year than last. The tables are as follows:

Cases Reported.	1908	1907
Smallpox	1	0
Diphtheria and croup	243	521
Scarlet fever	32	134
Typhoid fever	188	73
Measles	639	139
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	14	22
Deaths reported from contagious diseases:		
Diphtheria and croup	21	45
Scarlet fever	2	5
Typhoid fever	24	9
Measles	5	6
Cerebro	12	20

Harry's Singing Orchestra, Prescott, tonight.

HAD A SHOCK

Mrs. C. F. Joyce of 52 Jenness street suffered from an apoplectic shock last night and at midnight was reported as unconscious and in a serious condition. Today she had regained consciousness but is by no means out of danger. She is now under the medical care of Drs. Truworthy and Byam.

Cornelius Howard, one of the most efficient and best known patrolmen of the Lowell police department, was this morning "retired" and placed on the pension list by the board of police.

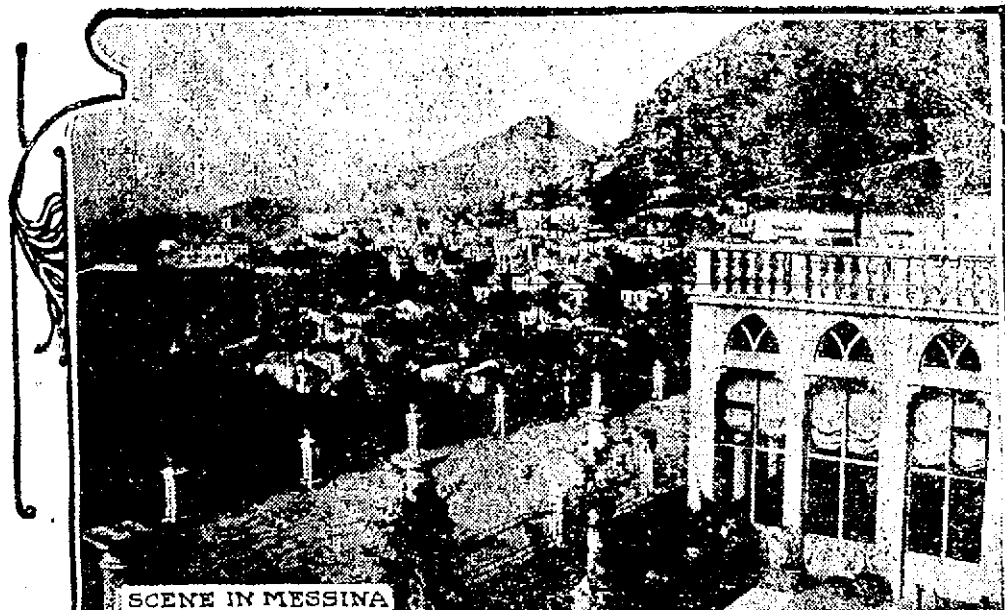
Mr. Howard has been ill and unable to perform his duties for several months, and a short time ago petitioned the board to place him on the retired list. City Physician Foster H. Smith examined Mr. Howard and in a letter addressed to the board stated that owing to his physical disability and long term of service Mr. Howard, in his opinion, is unfit to perform the duties required of a patrolman. Dr. Smith's letter is supplemented by a letter from Dr. John E. Boyle, who is Mr. Howard's family physician.

Patrolman Howard was appointed a patrolman Feb. 12, 1881, and would have served out a quarter of a century on the force if he had remained in the department for a little over a month longer.

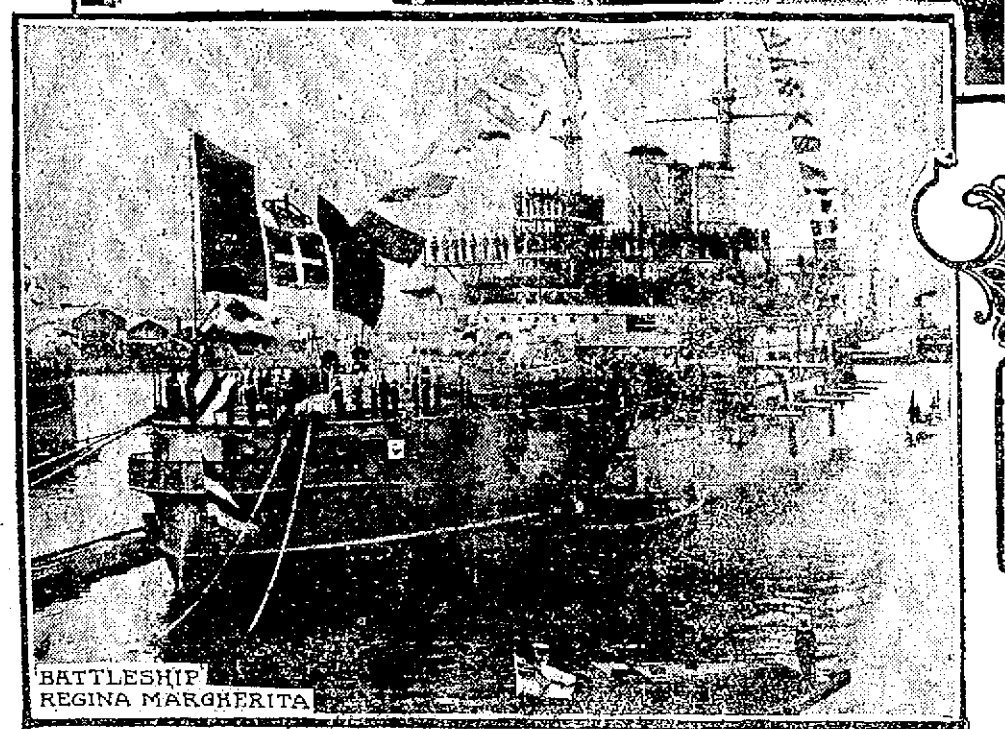
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of one of our beautiful gas lamps will be just as acceptable as at Christmas time.

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SCENE IN MESSINA



BATTLESHIP REGINA MARGHERITA

Duke of Aosta So Describes
Catastrophe

ROME, Jan. 1.—The first cheerful news since the devastation of Calabria and eastern Sicily by earthquake and tidal wave last Monday was received this morning by the minister of marine. A despatch from the commander of the torpedo boat sent post haste to verify the report that the Lipari or Aeolian islands has been engulfed and all the the population, some 25,000 people, annihilated brought the grateful information that while the islands had experienced the earthquake, only a few buildings have been demolished and no lives have been lost.

But otherwise the story coming from the south today is a repetition of the previous tidings of devastation, sorrow, suffering, starvation and horror. The king and the queen of Italy, standing their pilgrimages about a week ago, once the beautiful and smiling eastern coast of Sicily, but which today is a sepulchre of the dead, a devastated region still filled with thousands of unfortunate dying in anguish and the ruins of their homes. Another member of the royal family, the Duke of Aosta is devoting himself to the founding villages. "This last evening Messina and Reggio, which I have seen heavily than any other, were able to send one of the ships which were left."

"The catastrophe is indeed a scourge from God. The time has come when it is no longer possible to think of those buried beneath the ruins. At the moment of saving any of these unfortunate after the four days that have elapsed since the disaster, they must be abandoned."

"All our efforts must be devoted to caring for the wounded and the sick, otherwise the catastrophe will become even worse if such a thing is possible."

In view of these conditions, the government has decided to send 100,000 lire to the south.

energies to removing the wounded to points where they can receive proper attention.

The big emigrant steaming ship for years past have been engaged in transporting the suffering population of Calabria and Sicily to the other shores of the world, but especially to the United States, are today receiving survivors and refugees to places of safety. Messina and Reggio, the two largest southern cities of Italy, are in Sicily and the other in Calabria are today no more.

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6 O'CLOCK

DOCTORS ON TRIAL

They are Charged With Larceny and Conspiracy

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Two registered physicians, Dr. Frederick Williams and Dr. James Doyle, with offices on Tremont street, were arraigned in the first session of the municipal criminal court yesterday on the charge of larceny and conspiracy on several counts.

The defendants are specifically charged with conspiring by making false diagnoses of various cases to obtain money from their prospective patients.

A man by the name of Shapiro, a constable of the city of Boston, testified that he went to the office of the defendants for the express purpose of making out a case against them, if possible. He said that he had no more than entered the apartment when Dr. Williams took him in hand, and before he had time to say anything had told him that he would be blind in a short time if his eyes were not attended to immediately.

"I told him," the witness said, "that I had not come for eye treatment, but for body treatment. Dr. Doyle then took a long, narrow cloth and told me to pull out my tongue. After looking down my throat he told me that I was going to die inside of four days. I said that was too bad, as I was about to leave for New York and couldn't be on hand to take advantage of the guarantee to cure which he offered me for \$25."

"I pulled out \$2, and had no more than got it out of my pocket than he grabbed it and ran for his coat. I

called to him to ask about the guarantee. He stopped then and gave me a bottle, told me to take some of it three times a day and that it would keep me alive until I returned from New York."

Other witnesses told of receiving treatment. One said that he had been told that he was going to be blind, and that one of the defendants had told him that he was suffering from trachoma, and had dropped some liquid in his eyes against his wishes. He testified that he had brought suit against Dr. Williams for \$1000 for injury claimed to have been done to his eyes.

Dr. Albert of Falmouth called by the government, caused some amusement during his examination. A bottle was handed to him containing some reddish fluid and he was asked to tell what it was, if he could, by tasting of it. Objection was made by counsel for the defendants to this method of chemical analysis, but the court allowed him to make the test, whereupon he took a generous swallow from the bottle.

After snatching his lips with a swab, what of a facial struggle, the doctor announced that it was evidently some form of soda mixed with another substance and used probably as a stomach medicine.

After this successful analysis he was handed another bottle and asked to make the same test. This time he positively declined, saying that his mouth was so full of the taste of the other that he didn't think he would attempt

Messina to assist in securing persons in distress there.

PARTY OF FRENCH WOMEN TO HELP THE SUFFERERS

PARIS, Jan. 1.—A party of French women, members of the Red Cross society, have left here for Messina to minister to the wants of the sick and wounded.

THE SUM OF \$200

RAISED FOR QUAKE FUND
SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 1.—Approximately \$200 has been raised here for the Italian earthquake fund in the last two days. The local Italian colony is to place barrels about the streets for the collection of funds. Bishop Thomas Beavan of the Springfield diocese has issued an appeal to all Catholics for a relief fund which shall be sent to Pope Pius for distribution. It is probable funds will be taken up in other churches.

THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR NOT GOING TO MESSINA

ROME, Jan. 1.—Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, has decided that he had better not go to Messina personally at present. He will await the expected arrival of the American battleship fleet now approaching Sicily from the Red sea to the stricken district. The warships probably will get to Messina next week. Mr. Griscom will then go to the south.

The ambassador this morning sent to Messina Major Reynolds Landis, the American military attaché, Bayard Catin, Winthrop Chandler, and the inspectors of the embassy, with full instructions concerning the methods to be adopted in the search for Americans supposed to have been in Sicily and Calabria at the time of the earthquake.

The ambassador has communicated to the government the receipt of the contributions for sufferers of \$5000 from the American Red Cross as well as a first contribution of \$20,000 from the Christian Herald. These donations have been received with the highest appreciation.

THE LIPARI ISLANDS HAVE NOT BEEN DESTROYED

ROME, Jan. 1.—The Lipari Islands have not been destroyed nor has there been any loss of life there. This news, received with prayers of gratitude throughout Italy, has just been brought in by the torpedo boat sent out by the government to investigate.

A telegram from the commander of the vessel informs the minister of marine that a strong earthquake was experienced throughout the islands Dec. 28. Some buildings were damaged, but there were no fatalities.

GREAT PROGRESS MADE BY THE RESCUE WORKERS

ROME, Jan. 1.—The presence of the king and queen of Italy in the stricken district has done much to infuse energy into the different relief committees. Considering the means at the disposal of the rescue workers great progress is being made.

The queen is exhausted and the terrible scenes she has witnessed have affected her strongly. She weeps frequently and on more than one occasion has covered the hands of some unfortunate woman with her tears. The king desired his wife to return to Rome but she refused, saying she could not sleep from thinking of the miseries of her subjects.

Trains leaving here for the south are filled almost entirely with newspapermen, relatives of victims and volunteers on rescue committees. These committees are composed of every nationality of Europe. All volunteers are thankfully accepted and there is room for thousands more.

Prof. Alfani of the Florence observatory predicts that the seismic activity will continue for three years to come. He recommends the enforcement of restrictive building laws in the earthquake zones of Italy.

The personal accounts of survivors obtained today only add to the gruesome record of suffering and inability to help the injured.

In many cases survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. Then they would make desperate and pitiable efforts to go back and search for their loved ones. Numbers of survivors have gone suddenly insane. They try to throw themselves overboard, if they are at sea, or to hurl themselves out of car windows.

What has taken place at Reggio has been a repetition of the scenes at Messina but the proportion of the population to perish at the former place is higher. Today the conditions at Reggio are worse than at Messina owing to the danger of epidemic of decomposing bodies.

It has been proposed in small villages where not one house remains standing, to set the whole on fire as a means of purification.

THE ST. PAUL FUND AMOUNTS TO OVER \$800

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 1.—Over \$800 has been received by the Minnesota branch of the Red Cross for the benefit of the sufferers in Italy.

WORK OF RAISING FUNDS TO BE PUSHED IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 1.—Milwaukee's fund for the relief of the earthquake sufferers reached \$1200 today. The work of raising funds will be pushed in every direction.

PEOPLE OF PITTSBURG HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$327

PITTSBURG, Jan. 1.—In response to the appeal of Mayor Carlisle for aid for earthquake sufferers \$327 was subscribed in Pittsburgh yesterday.

A TOTAL OF \$875 HAS BEEN RAISED IN CINCINNATI

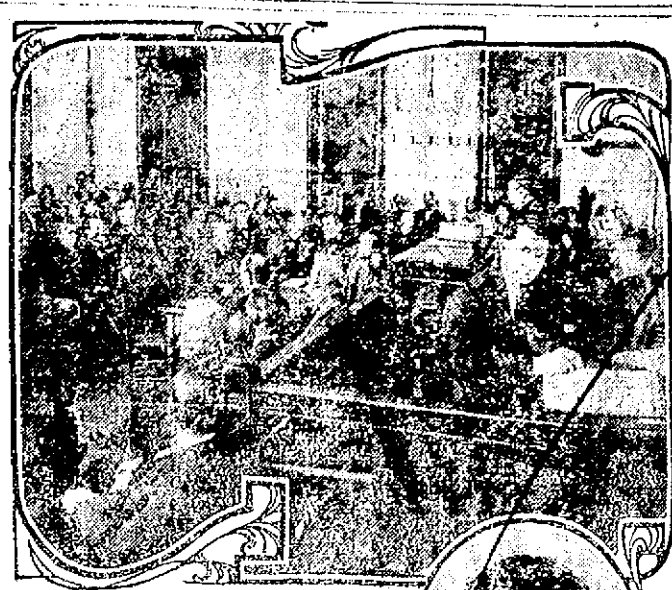
CINCINNATI, Jan. 1.—A total of \$875 has been raised in this city for the relief of the earthquake sufferers and the city is expected that contributions will come more freely in the next few days.

COMMITTEE ON COLLECTION NAMED IN BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—About \$2000 has been contributed here for the Italian earthquake sufferers in addition to the amount sent to the American Red Cross. At a meeting of the committee on collections, the city and county committee have agreed to solicit contributions.

MGR. FALCONIO'S APPEAL FOR RELIEF MONEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Messia-



"NIGHT RIDERS"

Judge Jones Threatened During Trial

UNION CITY, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Not the least picturesque and interesting feature of the trial of the Night Riders in this city for the murder of Captain Quentin C. Rantlin was the presence of the state soldier, which played such a prominent part in capturing the alleged Night Riders and clearing up



the crime. So powerful is the Night Rider organization that Governor Patterson at once saw the necessity of keeping troops at the scene of the trial to prevent the rescue of the prisoners by their friends. The soldiers acted as guards in their hands and their rifles in their hands and their eyes on the prisoners at all times. This out shows the trial in progress and a portrait of Frank Fehring, the alleged "commander" who told the secrets of the Night Riders.

During the trial of the Night Rider band, Judge J. E. Jones, who presided, received many threats from friends of the prisoners in various parts of the state. The prosecuting attorney also was threatened with death, and even Governor Patterson was deluged with anonymous letters from persons appealing to be members of the oath bound organization. Some of these threats were in the discharge of their duty, their determination being to stamp out the Night Rider evil in the state.

Falconio, the apostolic delegate, has issued an appeal to the church for contributions for "the vast multitude of sufferers from the Italian earthquake." The appeal says offerings may be sent to the Vatican either through the apostolic delegation or through Cardinal Merry del Val.

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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

The 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. David Russell was quietly observed yesterday at the home of the highly respected couple, 538 Bridge street. Many of their friends called during the afternoon and evening to congratulate them. Mr. Russell and Miss Annie Ross were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1858, in Glasgow, Scotland, by the Rev. Mr. Macgregor, pastor of the Presbyterian church. They came to this country in 1861. Ten children were born to them, six of them are living, three residing in Lowell and three out of town.

"ROSE" DUREN

POPULAR CARLISLE DEMOCRAT TO JOIN BENEDICTS

The book of marriage notices in last week's Sun contained a notice of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Rose Duren. The first man to start the New Year by recording his name in the book of marriage notices was Mr. and Mrs. Rose Duren. The bride, Miss Rose Duren, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duren, of the city of Lowell. The groom, Mr. Carlisle Duren, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duren, of the city of Lowell. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, and was attended by many friends.

MUSICAL BY CHOIR

The choir of the First Unitarian church sang a very delightful musical service given by the choir of the church. The service was given by the choir of the church, and was attended by many friends.

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BROWN AT CAUCUS

Makes a Promise to the Board of Aldermen

Asks Them to Turn Down the Mayor's Appointment of Library Trustee — Lively Meeting of Board of Aldermen Yesterday

Mayor-elect Brown made an early start yesterday when he appeared at a caucus of the board of aldermen and asked the eight members present not to confirm the appointments of Hon. Charles E. Howe and Peter W. Reilly, as library trustees and according to a statement made by Alderman Gray, the mayor-elect promised the members that if they would not confirm the appointments in time for action at the next regular meeting of the board he should not make them at all.

The mayor-elect protested against any fifth hour appointments by Mayor Farham believing that as the mayor-elect had not seen fit to make the appointments in time for action at the last regular meeting of the board he should not make them at all.

Reference to the mayor's removal of Dennis A. Sullivan and his appointment of Peter W. Reilly to succeed him and the Hon. Charles E. Howe to succeed Hon. George E. Richardson whose term expired with the year was made in yesterday's editions.

The meeting of the board to act upon these appointments was called for 4 o'clock and was delayed until 4:15, pending the arrival of Alderman Gray. All the members were present except Alderman Wilbur.

Mr. Gray upon arriving at the chamber requested the members to join him in caucus before the meeting was called to order.

The members then retired to the mayor's reception room where they were joined by Mayor-elect Brown.

The Meeting
About 5 o'clock the members returned to the chamber and the meeting was called to order. After the usual preliminary business the appointment of Mr. Reilly was read and Alderman O'Hearn immediately moved the suspension of rule 12 to permit immediate action on the appointment and a two-thirds vote is required to suspend a rule. The roll call showed Messrs. Bailey, Gray and Cheney against the suspension, while Messrs. Butterworth, O'Hearn, Connerford, O'Hearn and Reed voted in favor. Thus the motion was lost as it had failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote.

Alderman Gray Explains
Alderman Gray arose to explain his attitude, saying: "I have no objection to the appointment of Mr. Reilly, but I don't think it comes at the proper time. Mayor Farham should have sent it in at Tuesday's meeting, and I wonder that he failed to do so. I do not want to be regarded as opposing Mr. Reilly's appointment."

Alderman O'Hearn Replies
Alderman O'Hearn replied as follows: "I always believed in voting in public what was agreed to in caucus, and in today's caucus the majority voted to suspend rule 12 in the case of Mr. Reilly, while Mr. Howe's name was not favorably considered."

Now, I ask in all fairness: Is it a good business proposition and is it proper for Mr. Reilly to go down simply because Mr. Howe is appointed? If Alderman Gray is of the opinion that Mr. Reilly's appointment is a good one, why does he reject him? If Mr. Reilly is good a couple of weeks from now, why is he not as good now? If Mr. Howe's appointment is a bad thing, why not reject him now? I think this is a silly excuse for postponing action. Let us come out fairly for Mr. Reilly if we believe in his appointment and against Mr. Howe if we do not believe in his appointment."

Howe Goss Down
The appointment of Hon. Charles E. Howe was then read by Chairman Reed, and Alderman O'Hearn moved the suspension of rule 12 to permit immediate action. Alderman O'Hearn's motion was turned down, 4 to 4. Alderman Farham being recorded against

action on the name of Mr. Howe.

Having voted in the minority in both caucuses, Alderman O'Hearn moved reconsideration at the next meeting of the board, and the motion was duly recorded by City Clerk Daddman. The appointment of Melvin B. Smith to the board of cemetery trustees was not acted upon.

Alderman Gray moved an adjournment, but the motion was lost. Alderman O'Hearn then moved that the board adjourn until tonight, and it was so voted.

It is expected that Mayor Farham will call a special meeting for tonight. At the Caucus

After the meeting Alderman Gray repeated that he thought the appointment of Mr. Reilly an excellent one. He said: "Mayor-elect Brown came before the board and asked us not to vote for confirmation at this stage. He did not seem to think it fair to him. He was asked if he would appoint Mr. Reilly. He refused to confirm him at today's meeting, and before the eight of us, he promised to appoint him. That's why I was willing to let the matter go over."

Mr. Brown's Statment
Mayor-elect Brown spoke as follows:

"While Mayor Farham had a right to make one appointment of a library trustee, he should not, out of courtesy to me, have made two appointments. If he had any intention of removing a trustee, he should have done it before, and not at this late date. I am anxious to have a board of library trustees who will work in harmony with me, and in protecting the best interests of the people, I felt that I should be allowed to succeed at least one of the board, especially as I shall be chairman of the board of trustees the coming year. Then I could be held personally responsible for the appointment."

"I was not favorable to the appointment of Mr. Howe, and I intended Alderman Gray that if the board would refuse to confirm his appointment, I would withdraw my name. Peter W. Reilly next week after I had entered upon my duties. I say this because I have confidence in Mr. Reilly and believe that he would make a valuable addition to the board."

"In view of the fact that the present city government has refused to confirm the appointment of Mr. Howe, I will appoint Mr. Reilly myself, and hope that he will accept the place. I consider his appointment excellent."

"I was in the auditor's department getting data on the finances of the city, when I learned of the special meeting of the board and its purpose. I incidentally stated my position to Alderman Gray."

Chapel Hills, Prescott hall, tonight.

PERSONALS

Miss Nellie Lena has resumed her work in Lowell after spending a few days at her home in South Lawrence.

Misses Marion McKay, Bertha Williams and Ida Montgomery, of Manchester, accompanied by Carol Hayes, attended the "Merry Willow" production in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Carlson of Bridge street, Manchester, is visiting her sister for a few days in this city.

Chapel Hills, Prescott hall, tonight.

The annual meeting of the Lowell Humane society will be held on Monday evening next.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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BRIDGE STREET, COR. THIRD

Commence Their Sixth Year of Business in Centralville Today

THEY fully appreciate the patronage given them during the past five years, and expect to keep a larger, more varied and fully up-to-date stock for their trade to select from for the year 1909. Already large orders have been placed for merchandise which will be added to our stock soon. In

Hosiery, Knit and Muslin Underwear

Shirt Waists and Wrappers

We carry only the very best goods possible to be had for the price asked. No cheap, poor fitting garments, or trash of any kind, and no lodging place in our store.

Our expenses for an entire week are less than in some stores for a single hour. This should be fully considered by the hard working men and women of Lowell when looking for goods usually kept in a first-class store of this kind.

In order to start the year 1909 correctly and in extending to all our best New Year's Greeting, we will, for this day only, give each customer purchasing to the amount of 25 cents or more, a Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchief Free as a New Year's Gift.

M. LITTLE & CO., Bridge St. Cor. Third

STREETS AND SEWERS

Vast Amount of Work on
This in 1908

So much talk has been made relative to the amount of money expended by the street department during the year just closed that a perusal of a partial report of the more important features of the year's work is interesting as showing that a vast amount of necessary work has been done and much of a permanent character.

The report is prepared from the books of the street and sewer departments, and reads as follows:

The statement made in the local newspapers, which has been made a political issue, that the street department has exceeded all previous records for expenditures is incorrect.

When the figures were given from the auditor's office, mention was not made of the fact that a large amount of money credited to the street department were receipts earned for furnishing material and labor to the special appropriations for special work, bills for which were rendered and the money transferred to the original street appropriation, on the face this shows a much larger debit and credit than really exists, and the difference is simply a question of book-keeping.

Instead of this year holding the record of appropriations, the table given below will show that in 1902 more money was appropriated and spent than this year. Amounts given include appropriation loans and balances credited the first of each year, but not the mis-leading receipts.

Year	Streets	Sewer Maintenance	Sewer Construction	Watering Streets	Total
1902	\$229,791.91	\$23,500.00	\$1,007.91	\$14,700.00	\$434,999.82
1903	231,635.31	35,000.00	75,000.00	15,000.00	356,635.31
1904	215,635.12	23,500.00	120,000.00	15,000.00	374,135.12
1905	222,500.00	22,339.00	100,000.00	15,000.00	369,839.00
1906	234,410.00	10,000.00	74,000.00	17,000.00	335,410.00
1907	105,760.68	15,000.00	45,000.00	17,000.00	182,760.68
1908	251,145.60	15,000.00	105,000.00	17,000.00	388,145.60

The Year's Work

This year can rightly be termed a year of permanent work by the street department, foremost of which was the paving of Central and Middlesex streets.

Central street—The paving laid last year as far as the canal bridge was continued to the junction of Middlesex and Gorham streets, a total of 4635 square yards costing \$16,501.31, an average cost of \$3.56 per square yard, catch basins were built and repaired costing \$158.41, concrete sidewalk resurfacing cost \$169.37, relaying brick sidewalk cost \$15.30, new edgestones set cost \$90.21, edgestones reset cost \$17.10, 292 square yards of repaving done on intersecting streets cost \$297.22, the total expenditure for paving and regulating was \$17,176.01.

Middlesex street—Paved from Central street to Gorham street, a total of 8034 square yards, cost \$17,330.41, an average of \$2.16 per square yard, catch basins and manholes built and repaired cost \$638.65, concrete sidewalks laid on both sides of street cost \$1,759.23, edgestones reset cost \$357.31, crossings reset cost \$20.51, bulkhead rebuilt cost \$9.75, new concrete cost \$141.37, new edgestones set cost \$470.34, making a total cost of the paving and regulating \$21,074.17, for which \$25,000 was appropriated.

In the paving of Central and Middlesex streets the beginning of a new era in street paving was begun. This paving

square yards of top dressing done at a cost of \$7,507.14, a total of over four miles of streets put in first class condition, a record that will be difficult to equal. The streets macadamized were as follows:

Boulevard street—Macadamized from West Sixth street to Victor street, 431 feet, cost \$1,295.85; new edgestones set cost \$698.35.

Cady street—Macadamized from Central street to Lawrence street, 447 feet, cost \$142.35; paving gutters cost \$11.95, new concrete cost \$5.00, new crossings cost \$35.15.

Congress street—Macadamized from Thorneville street westerly, 198 feet, cost \$456.71.

Cress street—Macadamized from Suffolk street to Fletcher street, 928 feet, cost \$2,300.55.

Crowley street—Macadamized from Moore street to end street, 553 feet, cost \$1,208.58, paving gutters cost \$144.75.

Dover street—Macadamized from Westford street to Grove street, 616 feet, cost \$1,450.10, gutters paved cost \$226.84.

Foster street—Macadamized from Westford street to Pine street, 1053 feet, cost \$2,043.44, resurfacing edgestones cost \$5.15, repaving gutters cost \$24.10, new edgestones cost \$55.50, relaying gutters cost \$10.30, relaying sidewalks cost \$18.47.

Hamshire street—Macadamized from West Sixth street to Bridge street, 1649 feet, cost \$3,514.42, paving gutters cost \$106.62, repaving crossings cost \$90.65.

Harvard street—Macadamized from Middlesex street to Princeton street, 1205 feet, cost \$3,293.17, repaving gutters cost \$23.34, new crossing cost \$52.75.

Hastings street—Macadamized from Westford street to Liberty street, 492 feet, cost \$200.15, concrete sidewalks cost \$141.84.

Holyrood avenue—Macadamized from Hovey street southerly, 979 feet, cost \$2,497.36, gutters paved, cost \$283.40, edgestones reset cost \$58.53, new crossing, cost \$65.41.

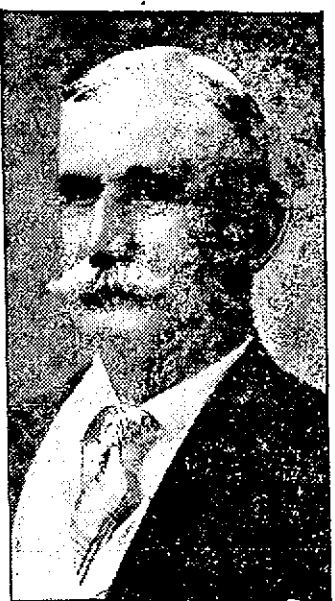
Madison street—Macadamized from Seventh street to Beacon street, 1969 feet, cost \$5,752.00, resurfacing edgestones

cost \$117.15, repaving gutters cost \$438.54, new crossing cost \$49.84, cinder sidewalk cost \$14.60, concrete sidewalks cost \$450.17.

Mill street—Macadamized from Hosford square to Lawrence street, 257 feet, cost \$542.25, relaying crossing cost \$54.52, new concrete cost \$13.51, repaving crossing cost \$6.12.

Read street—Macadamized from Third street to Sixth street, 175 feet, cost \$199.00, new edgestones cost \$38.97, new concrete sidewalks cost \$41.66.

Royal street—Macadamized from Westford street to Sheldon street, 895 feet, cost \$4,074.31, paving gutters



CHARLES MORSE
Superintendent of Streets

cost \$114.16, new crossing cost \$59.03.

Seventh street—Macadamized from Bridge street to Vanuam street, 516 feet, cost \$2,151.45, repaving gutters cost \$152.72, relaying crossing cost \$32.22, relaying crossings cost \$38.70, new edgestones cost \$71.98, concrete sidewalks cost \$116.75.

Sheldon street—Macadamized from Chelmsford street to Bellevue street, 778 feet, cost \$2,112.57, new crossings cost \$140.56, repaving gutters cost \$13.51, paving gutters cost \$111.67, new edgestones cost \$78.75.

Sixth street—Macadamized from Myrtle street to Beacon street, 578 feet, cost \$1,090.54, repaving gutters cost \$33.70, paving gutters cost \$142.94, resurfacing edgestones cost \$22.70, relaying crossings cost \$10.06, new edgestones cost \$24.94, concrete sidewalks cost \$172.41.

Smith street—Macadamized from Branch street to Westford street, 435 feet, cost \$1,529.34, repaving gutters cost \$27.47, paving gutters cost \$168.05, relaying crossing cost \$12.63.

West Sixth street—Macadamized from Bridge street to Hampshire street, 479 feet, cost \$1,147.93, paving gutters cost \$175.71.

Rogers street—Macadamized from B. & M. R. R. to Perry street 116 feet, cost \$416.15, paving gutters cost \$30.83.

Topdressing Macadam

Coral street, 732 feet cost \$788.03.

High street, 902 feet cost \$725.83.

Moore street, 906 feet cost \$298.42.

Moody street, 300 feet cost \$209.77.

Pawtucket street, 539 feet cost \$499.32.

Princeton street, 1655 feet cost \$1,153.48.

School street, 520 feet cost \$338.51.

Thorndike street, 210 feet cost \$254.43.

Broadway 1500 feet cost \$1111.80.

Rogers street, 723 feet cost \$375.59.

Granite Paving

Arch street—Paved to Howard st, 723 yards cost \$1,235.79, cinder sidewalk cost \$44.75, crossing relaid cost \$5.91, new edgestones cost \$491.20.

Garnet street—Paved from Middlesex street to Appleton street, 492 square yards, cost \$753.55, resurfacing edgestones cost \$35.00, relaying crossing cost \$5.12, concrete sidewalks cost \$112.14.

Rock street—Paved from Willie street to School street, 2077 square yards, cost \$5,105.54, relaying crossings cost \$28.05, resurfacing edgestones cost \$10.50, new edgestones cost \$20.40.

The small cost of the paving is on account of the saving made by using the old paving stones taken from Central street and Middlesex street.

Bridges

\$10,147.82 was expended this year on bridges, the Lundberg and Wilder street bridges have been sand blasted and painted at a cost of \$1515, a new steel sidewalk has been built on the bridge over the canal in East Merrimack street at a cost of \$3547.48, \$1000.50 of the cost appropriated for the painting of Moody street bridge has been spent to date.

The following bridges have been replanked: Lawrence street cost \$1400.59, Pawtucket bridge cost \$1,616.72, Cambridge street cost \$96.75, Dutton street cost \$155.98, Market street cost \$179.93, Worthen street cost \$104.68, Woburn street cost \$106.74, and minor repairs on Cabot street, Congress street, Merrimack street, Moody street and Plain street bridges.

Grading and Repairing Streets

Over four miles of streets have been graded at a cost of \$15,542.90, the streets in Cambridgeville have been graded and repaired, and continuation of the work of grading Varnum avenue to the city line, this is a model graded street.

\$600 feet of grading has been done with a steam roller at a cost of \$2483.04, and \$2481.04 was spent in repaving streets.

Sidewalks

Over eleven miles of cinder sidewalks have been built at a cost of \$3,391.50, for new and repair of concrete sidewalks \$14,492.11 was expended.

Cleaning Streets

The cost of cleaning paved streets by hand, by the so-called sparrow men, was \$22,553.14, machine sweeping of paved streets cost \$8,538.00, scraping unpaved streets cost \$18,422.15, a grand total of \$49,513.29.

Removal of snow cost \$3,677.23 and the sanding of sidewalks \$1,570.56.

General Work

Paving gutters, 15,212 feet cost \$2,440.27, relaying crossings, 4857 feet cost \$1,727.38, new crossings laid, 1440 feet cost \$1,284.32, concrete sidewalks laid, 1559 feet cost \$415.92, relaying paving, 4501 square yards cost \$1,712.26, resurfacing edgestones, 2857 feet cost \$1,245.95, 850 feet of new edgestones set, cost \$242.22.

The amount of the different kinds of smooth paving cost \$3,179.67.

TALBOT'S

Big Clearance Sale

OF

Winter Clothing

It is of special interest to prudent buyers—The goods we now place on sale are the broken lots of this season's selling, all fine goods of the highest grade from "Hart, Schaffner & Marx" and "our own workrooms." (Not a dollar's worth of cheap clothing has been bought to make a show of low prices.) Thus in order to name prices that will attract attention and bring patronage to our store we must sacrifice our profits and in many cases take an actual loss. But it's our custom to CLEAN-UP each season.—We simply don't want the goods and we make it possible for you to take them.

Here Are Genuine Bargains of Reliable Merchandise

Men's Overcoats

Every Winter Overcoat in our stock goes into this sale. It will pay you to buy for next season.

\$30 and \$32 Overcoats, now	\$25.00
\$20, \$22 and \$25 Overcoats, now	\$17.50
\$18 and \$20 Overcoats, now	\$14.50
\$15 and \$18 Overcoats, now	\$12.50
\$12 Overcoats, now	\$8.50

27 Big Overcoats in sizes 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48, regular price \$12 and \$15, now \$6.50

Men's Suits

We offer the small lots at a big reduction in price. This includes many of our finest goods and best selling numbers.

\$20, \$22, \$25 Suits, now	\$17.50
\$20 Suits, now	\$16.50
\$18 Suits, now	\$14.50
\$15 Suits, now	\$12.50
\$12 Suits, now	\$8.50

50 Suits strictly all wool worsteds, advertised this season as a special value at \$12.75, now \$8.50

Boys' and Children's Clothing

BOYS' OVERCOATS

BOYS' SUITS

Russian Overcoats 3 to 10 years. Three-quarter length Coats 6 to 14 years. Long Overcoats 10 to 16 years. A big saving on every garment on our counters.

\$2.50 and \$3 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$1.75
\$3.50 and \$4 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$2.75
\$5 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$3.75
\$6 and \$6.50 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$4.75
\$7 and \$7.50 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$5.75
\$8 and \$9 Boys' Overcoats, now	\$6.25

20 Boys' Overcoats, in sizes 10 to 16, long, full, double breast Coats, in fancy mixtures, that sold at \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10, now \$4.75

6 Dozen Knee Pants, all small sizes, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years, that sold at 50c, 75c, \$1, now 25c

Every Suit in fancy mixtures, in Russians, Sailors, Knee Pant and Knickerbocker styles go into this sale.

\$2.50 Boys' Suits, now	\$1.75
\$3 and \$3.50 Boys' Suits, now	\$2.25
\$5 Boys' Suits, now	\$3.75
\$6 and \$6.50 Boys' Suits, now	\$4.75
\$7 and \$7.50 Boys' Suits, now	\$5.75
\$8 and \$9 Boys' Suits, now	\$6.75

70 Boys' Fine Suits, in sizes 10, 11, 12, 13 years that sold at \$6, \$7 and \$8, all now marked

\$2.98 and \$3.98

10 Dozen Knee Pants, in all sizes, 3 to 16, that sold at 50c, 75c and \$1, now

39c or 3 Pairs for \$1.00

GENTS' FURNISHINGS and HATS

There are many good trades in these departments that we do not mention as the lots are small and they may be quickly closed out, but you can save money on almost any article you may wish to purchase.

Men's Heavy Wool Hose, camel's hair, Oxford and natural gray, 15c value at	8c
Men's Latest Style Open End Ties, 25c Silk at	14c
Men's Suspenders, fine webbing, regular 25c and 50c quality at	15c
Men's Flannel Shirts, with neck bands, all small or large sizes, \$1.50 values at	50c
Men's Jersey Ribbed Underwear, regular \$1.00 grade, now	75c
Men's Jersey Ribbed Underwear in blue, 50c quality, now	39c
Sweaters Roll neck, small sizes, \$1 and \$1.50 quality, now	50c
\$1.00 Stiff Hats, now	79c
\$1.00 Fur Band Caps, now	79c
50c Girls' Tams, now	15c
50c and 25c Toques, now	15c
Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps	5c

The great number of items we offer make it impossible to more than mention the article and price, but in every case there is a variety of colors and styles to select from.

REMEMBER FIRST CHOICE IS BEST.

The Talbot Clothing Co.

The Store That's Light as Day AMERICAN HOUSE BLOCK, Central St.

Rose Jordan Hartford

200 MERRIMACK STREET

Never Before
Have Fur
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Much Worn

We have a complete
showing of Mink, Lynx
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The smartest and best
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Turkish, Drum Major
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French Trimmed Hats, Gage Hats,
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TRIMMED MILLINERY CLEARANCE

We offer our entire stock of TRIMMED HATS at prices
regardless of cost.



LATEST NEGROES CLASH

Over the Purposed Visit of Pres.- Elect Taft to Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1.—On the occasion of President-elect Taft's visit, January 15-16, he is promised to deliver a speech to the negroes. Immediately on the announcement there arose contentions among the "swells" and the "common" of Atlanta's negro population, and it has resulted in a wide breach between the two factions.

Bishop Gaines, leader of the so-called "swells" or aristocratic negroes, called a meeting of some of the most prominent negroes of the city and proceeded to make preparations for Mr. Taft's speech, and it was passed around that only college professors, ministers, property owners and others who are counted among the "swells" would be allowed seats in the church where it was arranged to have the speeches delivered.

The "common" were up in arms and busied themselves with preparations for entertaining the president-elect, renting a hall with a seating capacity of 4000 and announcing that the doors would be thrown wide open to the negroes of Atlanta, letting the first to come have the choice of seats. Efforts to reach an agreement have proved fruitless and today the matter will be submitted to the Atlanta chamber of commerce, both sides agreeing to abide by the decision of this body.

LOWELL MAN WINS PRIZES

Charles C. Hartwell of this city won two silver cups at the exhibition given by the Queen City Poultry association given this week in Manchester, N. H. He had some of the finest specimens of birds in the exhibition, and besides winning the two cups captured a number of ribbons and premiums. The cups won by Mr. Hartwell's birds were the Gov. Charles M. Floyd cup for the five highest brooding birds in the American class and the John B. Varick company cup for the best white Plymouth rock cock hen, cockerel and pullet.

EXPLOSION OF A BOMB

HARTFORD, Jan. 1.—The explosion of a bomb in a six-family Italian tenement house at 78 Front street early today created intense excitement throughout the Italian colony, the dwellers in the house for blocks around rushing out into the streets while in the wild confusion which followed the terrific explosion Italians in the neighborhood rushed about crying, "Black Hand." Women ran screaming from the house with half clad and naked children in their arms and half clad men were running around wildly, shouting, "kill," "kill," "kill."

The bomb was a crude affair, consisting of a tin can bound round with heavy manila paper glued on. It had been loaded with a cheap grade of powder. Little damage to the building resulted and no one so far as known was injured.

Giuseppe Adonolf and Carmello Rossi have been locked up on suspicion in connection with the affair, and other arrests are expected.

AT WHITE HOUSE

New Year's Reception Was Held Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Seldom has there been a gathering at the White House so fraught with elements of interest as that which assembled today to extend to President Roosevelt wishes for a happy New Year. It was the last opportunity of the public to meet their present chief executive and it was distinguished by the attendance of diplomatic representatives of nearly all of the nations of the world, of officials from every branch of the government and of citizens in every walk of life.

FUNERALS

BRAY.—The funeral of Mary Bray took place this forenoon at 9:30 o'clock from the late home of the deceased, 196 Ludlam street. Among the large funeral cortege which followed the remains to St. Michael's church were many immediate friends and relatives of the departed one, an evidence of the high esteem in which she was held. At 10 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Domin Murphy. As the remains were being borne into the edifice Miss Carolyn White, organist, played Chopin's Funeral March in solemn and measured tones. The choir rendered the Gregorian chant and at the offertory the hymn "Domine Jesu Christe." At the end of the mass

DEAD MEN

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PICKPOCKETS

Said to be at Work on Trains

There was a perceptible falling off in the passenger traffic on the railroads coming into Lowell today compared with the travel of the past week. The heavy traffic is expected during the ensuing week when Lowell students will be returning to their studies.

Pickpockets are again working the train between Boston and Woburnville and Boston and White River Junction. From what can be learned from the complaints of those who have met this bunch and lost valuables there are four men in the gang and their method is to hustle and crowd the party they have spotted as a victim when entering or leaving a train. The latest victim to report the loss of his pocketbook was an elderly man who was a passenger Wednesday on the Boston and Lowell train due to arrive in Lowell at 10:19 a. m. The man left Manchester when the train reached there at 11:11 a. m., to report the loss of his pocketbook and stated that it was taken between Lowell and Manchester. A close watch is now being kept on all trains in the hope that some of the gang may be caught.

An order has been issued by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad stating that engineers and conductors of trains are required to report where coal has been taken on an engine wherever there is a delay on the road chargeable to a poor quality of coal.

G. K. George, official tailor of the New Haven road, will begin Monday taking measurements for summer uniforms for conductors. He will visit Boston, Lowell, Providence, New York, Hartford and New Haven in the order named and conductors are required to have their measurements taken at one of these points.

The heavy fog that prevailed yesterday morning gave the garden considerable trouble while they were doing the yard shifting both on the Western and Southern divisions as well as that of the Old Colony, so-called. It was so dense that signals were not visible more than a few car lengths and cars were moved slowly to minimize the danger of accident. Locomotive No. 839, sent out from

the Manchester plant of the American Locomotive Works yesterday for the Boston & Maine railroad, passed through Lowell for Boston today. This locomotive is of the Atlantic type and is up to date in all appliances that make for economy and ease of operation.

Locomotive No. 388, known as the "grasshopper," briefly outlined in yesterday's Sun, is in charge of Engineer Joseph Cook. This machine will be utilized to haul trains 71 and 117, and runs its first trip yesterday, passing through Lowell on the run between Boston and Concord. It was sent out by the American Locomotive Works early last month.

Big night tonight. Prescott Hall.

HOLIDAY RUSH

Not Yet Over at Post-Office

The carriers of the Lowell postoffice were reminded today that the holiday rush is not yet over. This morning all the force of carriers departed from the building very much later than usual in their trips. The night sorters, last night could not begin to keep up with the avalanche of "Happy New Year" cards which were brought in by mail box collectors and which came from out-of-town. Then there were thousands of business letters, some of which no doubt were reminders to settle up the amounts due the post office. For a few days the carriers will be saying that all the trips will be tardy, because the carriers will experience necessary delay in loading up their sacks before starting out on their delivery stunts.

Under the eight hour law this will necessitate a shorter route in the afternoon until the rush is over.

A new system of efficiency records will go into effect in the large post-offices throughout the country, including the Lowell post office.

Under this system all clerks and carriers will be rated according to their ability to perform the particular kind of work to which they are assigned, and they will also be charged with errors and omissions. Each clerk and carrier who is charged with an error or omission will be given an opportunity to make a written reply before the permanent record is fixed by his superior. The system is being prepared by the department at Washington after long and painstaking work, and it is believed that it will have a decided beneficial effect throughout the entire postal service.

Chapel Hills, Prescott Hall, tonight.

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS

Thanking you, one and all, for your patronage in helping to make the past year the most successful in our history, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

MR. & MRS. F. N. LABELLE
Eyeglass Specialists
300 MERRIMACK STREET

A STUBBORN FIRE Two Business Blocks at Skowhegan, Me. Destroyed

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Jan. 1.—One of the most stubborn fires which Maine departments have been called upon to fight since the conflagration at Portland a year ago, wiped out two business blocks, damaged three others and destroyed five tenement houses on Water street in the heart of the town, today. Two of the houses were blown up with dynamite in an effort to confine the progress of the flames, and it was only after eight hours' work that the local department, assisted by apparatus from Waterville and Fairfield, succeeded in bringing the fire under control. The total loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

The fire started from some unknown cause in the basement of the Gould block and worked its way up through the three-story brick structure. The high northwest wind distributed the sparks among the neighboring buildings, and soon it seemed as if the whole business district would be consumed. The Gould block, which was totally destroyed, was occupied on the street floor by Wiles & Juggins, dry goods; Fred Sawyer, dentist; E. C. Delane, confectioner; and Frank Buckman, druggist, while the second and third floors constituted the Hotel Oxford, managed by Samuel W. Gould. The owner of the building. Two firemen, Harry Jackson and Henry Mitchell, who were on the roof of the Gould

LEICESTER FARMER FOUND DEAD

LEICESTER, Jan. 1.—A five-year-old child guided the authorities today to the body of his father, William O'Donnell, a farmer of this town, lying beside the road about a mile from the home with a deep wound on the right temple, and after some inquiry a search was begun for Humphrey Gaetia, a farm hand who the boy said his father met last night and with whom the neighbors said O'Donnell had many quarrels.

It was the belief of the medical examiner after viewing the body that death was due to exposure as the result of the wound.

VOLCANO AT SEA

Field of Boiling Water off Coast of Georgia

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 1.—A volcano at sea and a field of boiling water off the coast of Georgia, are among the phenomena which British officers have reported to the hydrographic office here. While the British steamer *Balclutha* was headed towards the coast on Dec. 14, in latitude 31.11 and longitude 81. First Officer Landman says that he observed what he reported as an "eruption" apparently 60 miles distant to the westward, resembling a volcanic action.

The weird disturbance lasted but a few seconds. The British steamship *Lord Dufferin* on Dec. 15 passed an area of boiling water less than 200 miles off the southern coast, according to the captain's report.

STEAMER ON FIRE PIER 1 BURNED

Has Seventeen Passengers on Board Loss is Estimated at \$200,000

SAVANNAH, Ga., Jan. 1.—With 17 passengers aboard the Norwegian steamer *Texas* from Havana in slant five miles from Savannah caught fire today. The flames were discovered in the storeroom. The *Savannah* are dependent on apparatus to fight the blaze, the man Petersen commands the ship.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—Pier No. 1 of the Atlantic coast line, formerly known as the Baltimore Storage and Lighter pier at Canton, a suburb, was burned today, together with contents constituting of merchandise, etc. Seven railroad barges also were damaged. The total loss is estimated, will reach at least \$200,000 and may be greater. All the merchandise was in bond awaiting customs inspection.

THE RELIEF FUND Lowell's Contribution for Sufferers Near the \$1300 Mark

The Italian Sufferers' Relief committee, which has been appointed by Mayor Farnham, met this morning and concluded plans for raising funds in Lowell. Solon W. Stevens, Esq., was chosen secretary of the committee, and will at once arrange with the various national banks, savings banks, trust companies, churches, etc., to receive contributions to the fund. As rapidly as the money is collected it will be paid to John P. Sawyer, cashier of the Union National bank, general treasurer, who will cause it to be promptly cable to Italy through the agency of the state committee appointed by Gov. Gould. Expected study and pains have been made by this state committee to see that the fund shall be honestly and efficiently disbursed. In fact, this most important consideration is receiving far greater attention than ever before in any similar undertaking, and our people may, therefore, subscribe in full confidence that their contributions will actually reach and afford relief to the needy sufferers. As everyone knows, the demands for instant help are most urgent, and as it is being everywhere stated, "He gives twice who gives quickly," it is hoped that the response to this appeal will be generous and immediate. It is desired that contributions, both large and small, may be made at the various places provided, and it is especially hoped that those who care to make the smaller contributions will do so promptly, and that all of our citizens may share in this work for suffering humanity.

The committee is already able to report through Treasurer Sawyer the following contributions:

Franklin Nourse	\$50.00
A. D. Carter	10.00
Francisco J. Mariposa	10.00
Dr. William G. Ward	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Rogers	10.00
Angeline Cushing	2.00
May G. Hall	2.00
Oliver C. Hall	2.00
Charles E. Cooke	2.00
Frederick L. Knapp	2.00
Friend	2.00
Dr. G. Forrest Martin	2.00
Adeline K. Taylor	2.00
George F. Richardson	2.00
G. E. Merritt	2.00
E. B. S.	2.00
Charles H. Hobson	2.00
James O'Sullivan	2.00
M. G. Perkins	2.00
George A. Nelson	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. Harmon French	2.00
Caroline H. Marsh	2.00
H. Augusta Sargent	2.00
F. A. Fisher	2.00
F. P. Marble	2.00
W. S. Southworth	2.00
George B. Washburn	2.00
Mrs. G. B. Jenness	2.00

It is hoped that the employees in the various stores and shops in town may endeavor to raise funds in their respective places. As an evidence of what may be more or less generally attempted, the following copy of a notice which will appear tomorrow in the pay envelopes of the employees of the Boot Mills may be suggestive:

NOTICE
In your pay envelope, Saturday, January 3d, you will find a blank envelope. Should you desire to contribute to the earthquake sufferers in Sicily, any amount put in this envelope and deposited in box provided for same near mill gates, will be sent to the proper parties.

Other plans may be better adapted to other situations, but it is the earnest wish of the committee that such methods as will prove most acceptable to the different cases will be adopted. All contributions to "Treasurer Sawyer" will be published in the daily papers.

Appeal to Clergy
The relief committee requests the clergymen of Lowell to ask for contributions for the relief of the sufferers in Italy from their pulpits Sunday.

PASSENGERS HAD CLOSE CALL

SANFORD, Me., Jan. 1.—The fact that eight passengers on an electric car of the Atlantic Shore Line had a narrow escape from being dumped into Mousam river last night did not become generally known until today. The car left the rails while rounding a curve to cross a bridge near Whitchers mill and turned on its side only a few feet from the bank of the river. The passengers were shaken somewhat but none was injured, except former Sheriff Newell T. Fogg who received a slight cut on one ear.

BURGLARS BUSY THIRTEEN SHOT

Looted a New York Police Station During the New York Celebration

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Burglars early today broke into the criminal courts building in Centre street and completely looted the police station situated there. When the court squad of about thirty policemen reported for duty today they were astonished to find their lockers ransacked, their revolvers and all other personal effects of value stolen and the entire place in the wildest confusion. The police refuse to give any statement as to the value of the things stolen.

NEW CORPORATION

HARTFORD, Jan. 1.—A certificate of incorporation of the Union Security Co. of Hartford has been filed with the state secretary. The incorporators are E. Kirkham of Hartford and Thomas Conyngham and Hugh R. Conyngham of Upper Meriden, N. J.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE JULIUS CAHN, Prop.

THURS., FRI., and SAT., Jan. 7-8-9, MATINEE SATURDAY

The Wagenhals & Kemper Co.
Present Eugene Walter's
Great American Play

"Absorbingly interesting—
Worthy of its fame—ir-
resistible."—Chas. S. How-
ard in the Globe.

"A play that shouldn't be
missed—Audience eager
to see it again."—T. W.
Harkins in the Journal.

"Most intensely human
play Boston has seen."—
Chas. N. Young in the
Traveler.

"Truly stirring—Drives
across the footlights."—H.
T. Parker in the Treas-
urer.

"Closely holds audience
from beginning to end—
Will please everybody."—
Edw. H. Crosby in the Post.

PAID IN FULL

Direct from the Colonial
Theatre, Boston, with cast that ran
2 years in New York.

PRICES—25c to \$1.50—Seats on sale Monday, 9 a. m.

HOTTEST YEAR

1908 Carries off the Palm

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The year which ended at 12 o'clock last night was remarkable, from the weather man's viewpoint, as the hottest and driest on record. According to figures given out the total precipitation in 1908 was 30.07 inches.

At first glance this would appear to be a large quantity of rain, but as a matter of fact, it is more than 13 inches below normal, and the smallest since the weather bureau was established in 1871.

The weather men promised fair weather for today and tomorrow, with a drop in the temperature. The glass registered 48 above at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, but at 10 o'clock last night it was 32 above. We are to have "seasonable" weather from this time forward, however, according to the authorities.

To return to the weather for the past year, the weather man said that in 1878 the precipitation was 53.53 inches, and according to meteorologists, the normal amount of rain and snow for Boston in a year would be 44 inches. Yet, according to statistics furnished by the weather bureau, with one exception in the last ten years, the rainfall has been below the normal.

ASKS \$50,000

MRS. STEVENS NAMES MRS. STEELE IN DIVORCE LIBEL

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 1.—Further complications and litigation growing out of the suit brought by James A. Steele of Laconia against Clarence A. Stevens of this city on December 22, for alienation of his wife's affections, and claiming damages in the sum of \$20,000 developed yesterday when Maude L. Stevens, wife of the defendant, caused action to be entered for absolute divorce. Mrs. Stevens also asks for \$50,000 alimony. She alleges violation of the marriage compact, and names Mrs. Alice P. Steele as co-defendant. She also alleges cruelty and abuse. The case is made returnable at the May term of the superior court.

GIRL DROWNED

Lawrence Child Swept Under the Ice

LAWRENCE, Jan. 1.—Lavera Marchand ran over thin ice while sliding with a girl companion on the Merrimack river late yesterday and broke through.

Henry Bassett, a 12-year-old boy, heard the screams and he jumped in to help her, but the swift current from the mill canal which flows into the river near this point had already swept the girl away under the ice.

Hindered by his overcoat, Bassett himself had a narrow escape from drowning, but managed to cling to the edge of the hole until rescue reached him.

The girl's body has not been recovered. She was the daughter of Joseph Marchand of Essex street and was 11 years old.

KILLED HIMSELF

CORPORAL HENRY FIRST FIRED AT HIS WIFE

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 1.—Corporal Nelson Henry, of the Seventh regiment (U. S. A.), artillery band, stationed at Fort Adams, killed himself with a revolver last night after he had fired three bullets into his wife as she lay on the bed in the quarters. Wednesday she became a mother. Mrs. Henry was wounded in the shoulder, arm and lungs, and is not expected to live.

She said that before the shooting her husband accused her of infidelity. Corporal Henry was 40 years old. He was a native of Plattsburg, N. Y., and had seen service in China and the Philippines during his 15 years in the army. Mrs. Henry is 26 years old. She comes from Altoona, N. Y. The couple have two children, both girls, aged 5 and 3 years respectively, beside the baby. The infant, one day old, was at the time of the shooting in the care of a nurse, who was in another room.

HOLY NAME

OF ST. PETER'S HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

A well attended meeting of the Holy Name society of St. Peter's church was held in the fair hall last night, and considerable routine business was transacted during the evening. Vice President William F. Daly occupied the chair.

Daniel F. Riley reported on the result of the coupon contest. The following delegates were appointed to represent the society at the St. Patrick's day convention in New York: John J. Coyne, Frank J. Campbell, John King, James Starr, Matthew Donahue and Philip Ginty.

The quarterly communion breakfast will be held in Lincoln hall. The following committee was chosen to assist the officers: John J. Coyne, William F. Daly, B. Ward, M. H. McDonough, E. H. King, Richard Lyons, Edward Farrell, John King, Daniel F. Riley, Thomas J. Gilligan, James Cook, Philip Ginty, William Boyle and James Starr.

Two committees were chosen to have charge of the nominations and balloting for the coming election of officers. The committees are as follows: Number one, D. F. Riley, Frank J. Campbell and Mr. Kane; number two, B. Riley, C. Hickey and Mr. O'Leary. A vote of thanks was extended to D. F. Riley for his work in making the coupon contest a success.

\$60,000 IN GOLD

FOR EMPLOYEES OF BOSTON ELEVATED ROAD

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Nearly \$60,000 in gold will be distributed by the Boston Elevated Railway company among its car service men this New Year's day in recognition of their faithfulness and efficiency.

Every man who has been in the service for a period exceeding six months and who has made a satisfactory record will receive \$15. Men with exceptionally good records will this year receive more.

More than 1000 such men will be given \$20, and a considerable number of others will receive \$25 for services of extraordinary merit.

About 80 per cent of the nearly 4500 men who are eligible by length of service will receive rewards. Distributions will be made at each of the division headquarters where the men will be notified to report.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

Highland-Veritas lodge, 8, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, with a good attendance. The first degree was conferred upon one candidate and the following officers were elected for the term ending July 1, 1909: Wm. H. Hadley, V. E. G. John S. McKie, R. S. W. G. Bowen, F. S. H. C. Moore, treasurer, Frank C. Nichols, trustee for three years, W. O. Farrell.

Division 28, A. O. H., met last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Hubert McQuinn; vice, president, Patrick Kane; treasurer, E. P. Statutory; recording secretary, Owen J. Healey; financial secretary, Patrick Wrenn; physician, Dr. F. O'Sullivan. The meeting was largely attended.

BILLERICA

The class of '60 of the Howe school held a dancing party in the town hall last night. There were about 60 couples present, all of whom had a most enjoyable time. Music for dancing was furnished by Kitzinger's orchestra. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of the following members of the class:

President, Earl Costello; vice president, Miss Elsie Casey; secretary, Miss Edna B. Robinson; treasurer, Miss Gladys Golden; Miss Lillian Balfour; Myrtle King, Addie Shedd, Stella Morris and Thomas Bateson.

CHANGE RIGHT

Friends: You and I are BLUE because we were not BROWN—change right and my Quinn's shining BLACK Diamonds. They make everybody cheerful and happy. See the telephone and find us for yourself.

PAT DINEEN

WON MARATHON RACE FROM FIVE OTHERS

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Pat Dineen, the baker of this city, who recently won the seven days' 20-as-you-please race in Kansas City, last night defeated five other professional runners in a race over the full Marathon distance, 26 miles, 385 yards. Dineen finished in 2 hours, 45 minutes and 25 3-5 seconds of hard running. John Prouty of Boston, was second, more than two miles behind; Ted Cook of New York was third, and Alex McDonald of Brockton, fourth. Two other runners failed to finish.

Alfred Shrabbs, the English professional who is to race Loughborough, defeated a relay team of two men in a six mile race. Shrabbs' time was 31 minutes, 42-5 seconds. This is several miles behind his record. He led throughout.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Fletcher*

NEW OFFICERS

ELECTED BY THE CITOYENS-AMERICAINS

The regular meeting and election of officers of Citoyens-Americains was held last night, the election resulting as follows: President, Albert Cadoret; vice president, Damase Lodoice; recording secretary, Horace E. Caron; assistant recording secretary, Louis N. Chaneuf; treasurer, Joseph Guimond; collector, J. Omer Smith; sentinel, Joseph Meunier; sergeant-at-arms, Geo. Pelletier; auditors, Victor Salois, Tréfle Bordelau and John T. Martin.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

The children at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street were given a New Year's dinner yesterday by the ladies of St. Joseph's sewing circle. The menu consisted of turkey, ice cream, nuts, fruit and other good things. The following members of the society waited on the tables: Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert, president of the circle; Mrs. Louise Legare, Mrs. Magloire Groulx, Mrs. Charles Hamel, Mrs. Alphonse Vallée, Mrs. Hermine Vallée, Mrs. William Drapeau, Mrs. William Achin, Mrs. Joseph Gagnon, Mrs. Dubé, Mrs. Joseph Geoffroy, Mrs. Deslauriers and Mrs. Alexandre Charette.

A Happy New Year

At the beginning of this New Year I take this occasion to thank the public of Lowell and vicinity for its cordial reception and generous patronage accorded me since the opening of this business. It demonstrates that the people of Lowell appreciate my efforts to give them one of the largest and most complete cloak stores in the state. My New Year's resolution is to strive to retain your confidence and to give better values at lower prices than ever before.

Yours for a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

R. M. CLOOS



Let me tell you something—
We shall now have better things to eat

WASHBURN-CROSBY'S
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR

Portland Cement

ITS MANUFACTURE A VAST AND PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

The use of Portland Cement has become so universal that by many this is called the "Cement Age." Yet it is plainly evident to those best informed on the subject, that its production is even now in its infancy, and that the brightest possible future is before it. Experience proves that it is universally a staple and very profitable industry, and its uses largely diversified. Within the past decade the production of Portland Cement in the U. S. has increased more than ten fold. In 1898 the output was less than 1,000,000 barrels as compared with more than 50,000,000 during the past year, and the demand is constantly increasing. We can hardly realize to what extent our FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MUNICIPALITIES, RAILROADS, WATER COMPANIES and BUILDERS are utilizing this product as a necessity in construction. The big cement plants of the U. S. are today earning and paying to their stockholders in dividends from 20 per cent. to 40 per cent. per year, and the supply is still inadequate to meet the growing demands of industrial progress.

The Atlantic & Gulf Portland Cement Co.

Is the only cement manufacturing company in the U. S. located on navigable waters and owning its own coal mines. This water transportation guarantees low freight rates on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, which passes through its property. This company owns over 6000 acres of land free from all incumbrances, between the cities of Atlanta and Birmingham, in Alabama and St. Clair counties, in Alabama, and situated on the Coosa river, which is navigable south to the Gulf of Mexico 250 miles, and northward, 150 miles above this property.

RAW MATERIAL AND COAL

On the property are over 30,000,000 tons of coal and enormous deposits of limestone and shale sufficient to manufacture 5000 barrels of the highest grade of Portland Cement each day for 250 years. There is enough timber on the property to furnish barrels for 50 years. The cost of producing the highest grade Portland Cement at this plant is less than 40 cents per barrel. This cement sells at the mill for \$1.25 per barrel.

FOR THE PURPOSE of equipping a plant of 2000 barrels daily capacity, which will be in operation within six months, an issue of first mortgage bonds is offered to the public. These are 6 per cent. 20-year gold bonds, redeemable after 5 years at the company's option, to be provided for by a sinking fund, interest payable Jan. 1 and July 1. Behind these bonds stand assets of the company worth seven times the bond issue. These bonds are offered in denominations of \$200.

WITH EACH OF THE FIRST 500 BONDS SOLD a bonus of \$100 in full paid, non-assessable stock in the company is given. These shares are limited to their dividends to six per cent. per year until the bonds have been redeemed.

From that time on it is reasonable to believe that the stock will pay not less than 20 per cent. per year, and probably more. There is ample demand within a small radius of the plant to consume more than twice its capacity, for it is well known that the demand for cement in the south is growing with great rapidity. Wm. B. Shaffer, the president of the company is the biggest man in the cement business in this country. This enterprise promises to be one of the greatest dividend payers in this line.

International Trust Co., Boston Depository.

Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia, Trustee.

For prospectus and complete information regarding this bond issue address:

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Hildreth Bldg., Room 22, Lowell, Mass.

RICH,
PURE
ICE CREAM
\$1.00 GAL.

The Bon Marche

DRY GOODS CO.

HOT
CHOCOLATE
WITH ICE
CREAM, 5c.

Price Reductions on Women's Suits, Coats, Skirts, Gowns, Evening Capes and Misses' Fine Apparel



Women's Suits—Mostly chevrons and mannish effects, a few broadcloths, formerly \$18.98 to \$18.50, now \$9.75

Women's Suits—Made from worsteds, broadcloths, chevrons and velvets, formerly \$21.50 to \$28.50, now \$14.75

Women's Suits—Made from broadcloths, chevrons, two-tone stripes and worsteds, formerly \$31.50 to \$39.50, now \$19.75

Broadcloth Suits—In the newest shades with high girle skirts, very prettily trimmed, some with Persian collars, formerly \$50 to \$65, now \$32.50

Mixture and Broadcloth Coats—All long lengths, formerly \$15 to \$18.50, now \$8.75

Tourist and Mixture Coats—Prettily trimmed, formerly \$26.50 to \$30, now \$18.75

Odd Black Coats—Mostly short lengths, formerly \$12.50 to \$18.50, now \$5.00

Evening Capes—All the newest shades at about 1-3 off

Cravenette Raincoats—In mostly tans, formerly \$12.50 to \$15, now \$5.00

Net and Lingerie Dresses—New and latest models, beautiful designs, long sleeves, formerly \$25, now \$17.50

Skirts—Made from Panama chevrons and worsteds, formerly \$5 to \$6.50, now \$3.00

Skirts—In black, blue, brown, Panama and mixtures, formerly \$1.98, now \$1.98

Misses' and Children's White Lawn and Net Dresses—Prettily trimmed with Hamburg lace and insertion, some slightly soiled, sizes 6 to 12, formerly \$3.50 to \$5.98, now \$2.49

Children's All Wool Dresses—In plaids and plain seiges; also some sailor suits, sizes 6 to 12, formerly \$4.98 to \$6.98, now \$2.75



All Our Forty-Five Cent Books Now Thirty-Five Cents Each

WOMEN'S 50c HOSE AT 29c PAIR

About 500 Pairs of Fine Lace and Embroidered Hose in the Lot. All perfect goods, fresh from the manufacturers. Lace all over with garter tops; lace boot patterns with bracelet tops; plain black gauze hse, and plain black with handsome embroidery in fancy colors; all have double soles. Each kind in all sizes. Regular price 50c pair. Sale price 29c pair

\$1.50 REDUCE--U--CORSETS AT \$1.00

A very desirable corset for medium and stout figures. Fine for reducing the hips and giving the new long back effect. Made of good quality American Confit, boned with non-rusting double steels, has adjustable abdominal straps and four hose supporters attached. Same style as \$3.00 model. Regular price \$1.50. Sale price \$1.00

HANDSOME SHIRT WAISTS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Lawn Waists—Made with yoke of fine tucking, Val insertion, fancy embroidery, panel of embroidery down the front, baby back, 3-4 sleeves and lace trimmed collar and cuffs. Regular price 95c, special price 79c

Batiste Waists—Made yoke back and front of Val insertion, embroidered medallion and squares of tucking, long tucked sleeves, Gibson collar. Regular price \$1.25, special price 98c

Fine French Lawn Waists—Made with square yoke of insertion, three panels of insertion down the front, baby back, trimmed long sleeves and lace trimmed collar. Regular price \$1.98, special price \$1.49

Persian Lawn Waists—Made yoke and entire front in square effect of fillet lace and colored embroidery medallions and fine tucking, lace trimmed back, long tucked sleeves and lace collar. Regular price \$2.40, special value \$1.98

White Crepe Waists—Made with yoke of clusters of tucking and six crochet buttons down the front, tucked back, tucked long sleeves and lace trimmed collar. Worth \$3.50, special price \$2.98

Net Waists—In cream and white. Entire front is made of fine tucking trimmed with Chantilly lace and ribbon, broad shouldered effect, long sleeves, Chantilly trimmed and Gibson collar. Regular price \$3.60, special price \$2.49



SPECIAL IN BLANKETS

Four Cases of Gray Cotton Blankets With Colored Borders—Extra large size and extra heavy. Well worth \$1.25. Our special price is 78c pair

We have a very large stock of all other grades at equally low prices



Children's Cloakings

AT REDUCED PRICES

\$2.25 Bear Skin, \$1.50 Yard—White, red, blue, plain and curled

\$1.25 Astrachan, 89c Yard—Full 51 inch. Red and white

\$4.00 Persian Lamb, Black Only, \$2.75 Yard—Used for muffs, collars and neck pieces

Odds and Ends of Mixed Coatings—Ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 yard, marked to close out at 75c yard

Madame Katherine

Is with us again, located in Millinery Dept. Cross her palm with a dime and note results.

TAN CALF STORM BOOTS

Boys' and Youths' Heavy Tan Oil Grain with full lengths, double soles, nailed and sewed and high bellows tongue. Two straps and buckles.

Sizes 2 1-2 to 5 1-2 \$3.00

Sizes 12 to 2 \$2.50

Misses', sizes 2 1-2 to 5 \$2.50

Misses', sizes 11 to 2 \$2.00

For heavy out-door wear, skating, etc., a more practicable boot cannot be made.

Children's Colored Leggings

To Match Coats and Caps.

Bear Claws, were \$1.00, now 75c

Astrachan, were 75c, now 49c

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The sworn daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1908 was

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Sworn to by John H. Harrington, proprietor, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Plottie, pressman, of The Sun, before me, January 1, 1909. J. JOSEPH HENNESSY, Notary Public

This is by far the largest daily average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

To each and all we wish a happy New Year.

THE EARTHQUAKE HORROR.

The whole world stands aghast at the appalling news from Southern Italy where perhaps the most terrible earthquake in history has spread devastation far and wide, levelled populous cities and towns, and where the dire effects of the quake have been followed by the still more terrible horrors of fire, starvation and pestilence. In the face of a catastrophe in which the victims must certainly number over 110,000, the nations of the world have made a most admirable response to the demands for relief. But such relief must come too late for those who might have been rescued after the first shock and before the horrors of fire were added to the seismic wreckage. It will also be too late for thousands who might have been saved from death by cold or famine had relief been at hand; but so completely were even the means of communication cut off that even now five days after the occurrence not all of the disastrous results of the catastrophe have been heard from.

These convulsions of nature constitute the most instantaneous and at the same time the most terrible form of death known to history. This planet of ours of late is having many upheavals. The old volcanoes are becoming more active, while others are breaking out. By volcanic action the equilibrium of the strata of the earth is destroyed and then by the force of gravity and the revolution of the earth upon its axis, nature, by means of an earthquake, endeavors to restore the normal condition.

When a volcano belches forth gases and lava it must certainly leave a void of some kind in the bowels of the earth. Perhaps it would be wrong to call it a void for it cannot be what is known as a vacuum. If the solid matter be removed in the form of molten lava the space vacated must be filled by heated gases, the pressure of which supply the place of the solid matter sent out through the action of the volcano.

But when these gases cool then the superincumbent strata fall in to supply the "void" and an earthquake that spreads ruin and death on the surface is the result. Occasionally where volcanoes exist close to the sea coast the heated gases collected in subterranean caverns are suddenly inundated by water resulting in the most violent form of earthquake. This is probably what happened at the straits of Messina which seems to have been the storm centre of the trouble. If such were the cause of the cataclysm that has visited Southern Italy it is reasonable to assume that a change has been made affecting the centre of gravity of the earth, and we may expect another earthquake perhaps at some distant point to restore the equilibrium of the whole.

It seems rather strange that scientists can seldom give any warning of the coming of these disasters.

REFERENDUM ON NEW CHARTER

It is understood that the Board of Trade and Civic Association of this city will get their ideas on charter reform into proper shape in time to be presented to the legislature for action early in the new year. So far as we have been able to learn the features of the new charter that are favored by the majority provide for an increase in the mayor's power, the abolition of the common council and the election of the school board at large, together with the establishment of a board of public works to have charge of streets, buildings, water department and everything coming under these various departments.

The system of nominating will be modeled after the Des Moines charter, and it is probable that the members of the board of aldermen, nine in number, will hold office for a term of three years. The same arrangement is to be made in the school board.

It is not yet settled whether the appointments by the mayor will be made subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, but it would seem that in order to prevent deadlocks the mayor should have full power to appoint or remove all heads of departments so that he could be held strictly responsible for their work.

Whatever be the feature of the new charter the referendum should be attached so that it may be passed upon by the citizens of Lowell. The people of Lowell are fully convinced that a new charter is a necessity, and they are convinced also that the charters being adopted by cities like Lowell are radically different from the old charters of twenty-five or fifty years ago. For that reason we believe they are prepared to adopt a charter radically different from the old. In any case it is due to the voters that they shall have a voice in the adoption of a charter, and it will ultimately rest with them to accept or reject the charter enacted for this city by the legislature.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD.

The year just closed will go down in history as one of the worst panic years we have ever experienced. The hard times struck Lowell as heavily as most other cities of the same size and character, and but for the efforts made by the city council to provide employment for those who had long been idle the suffering would have been much more intense.

The street department had to bear the brunt of this necessary effort to afford employment, and if the expenditures have been large as a result, that was to be expected. The question to be passed upon in considering the large expenditure of that department is whether the city got its money's worth. On the whole we believe the city never got more for the money expended than in some of the permanent improvements undertaken. The sewers laid, the pavements and other improvements, many of them of the most difficult character, are worth what they cost.

The new year dawns with bright prospects. The industrial stagnation is left behind and after the tariff schedules shall have been revised, we may confidently expect to see the country launch into a new era of prosperity. That Lowell and her people will share to the fullest extent in the coming prosperity is our most ardent wish.

SEEN AND HEARD

The next few weeks, coming right after the holidays, when business affairs are quite anyway, ought to convince anybody who has any regard at all for the welfare of the city that it needs all the business it can keep in Lowell.

"Where are you going my pretty maid?" "I'm going to sneeze, kind sir," she said. "If it me what at, my pretty maid?" "Atchoo! Atchoo!" was all she said.

A clerk in a Boston office building, who resides in Lowell thought he had evolved a great scheme for saving money. He told his fellow-clerks about it and one of them told the writer. "Let's put a cent in the first week," he said, "and double the amount each week for a year. By the end of that time we'll each have a pretty considerable sum. For instance, the dues for the first week will be one cent, next week two cents, next four, next eight, next 16, and so on." "That looks good," they all said, but one inquisitive chap went back to his desk and began to figure. They watched him and heard him whistle in amazement every few moments. Finally he approached the group with a paper full of figures. "Count me out of that scheme," he observed. "Why?" they asked. "You dog-gone fools!" he retorted, "there's not enough in the world to keep it going for one month. Look here. It seems easy at first, in twelve weeks you'll be paying in \$20.48 a week. In 26 weeks, or six months, you'll each pay in as your weekly installment \$363,909.12. How does that strike you? Well, that's nothing. Keep on doubling it, and in 52 weeks, or a year, how much do you think your week's dues will be?" "A couple of millions, I guess," answered one. "A couple of millions!" echoed the fellow who had figured it all out. "That's easy. Why, in your last week you'd pay in 21 trillions, 27 billions, 691 millions, \$32 thousand, 433 dollars and 98 cents. On paper it reads \$31,027,661.82, 139.98. There's not that much money in the whole world. Figure it out for yourselves and try to imagine how you'd do it on \$10 a week."

One waited.—Age, the lover.—Till Alice could be won. His hour would time discover. The hour when youth was done. O fragrant, warm and tender! Rose lips and hair of gold, To Age must all surrender And Age will clasp and hold!

But waited lover stronger And over-bold and free. "My love shall guard you longer Than all eternity!" He spoke to Alice slowly, He kissed away her breath, She turned from Age unholy, And fled away with death.

Richard M. Fox, who will probably be appointed city marshal, is no novice in politics. Way back in 1886 he was a councilman from Ward 5. Mayor Bruce was at the head of the government. The following year, 1887, Mr. Fox was elected president of the council. He has been an active worker in the republican ranks. He is a machinist, but for several years has been engaged as athletic instructor at the Y. M. C. A.—Lawrence Eagle. Mr. Fox was a resident of Lowell before locating in Lawrence. He will be remembered by former Lowellians as a pedestrian of note who figured in contests on the old Park Grounds. He also was an old time baseball player and covered the outer grounds as a substitute for the Clippers in days of "Auld Lang Syne."

Write it 1909. Don't forget.

An opportune time to get in touch with the saving banks of Lowell by beginning the New Year with depositing a little money each day or week. It will be productive of quite a little nest egg when the year 1910 comes around.

A good resolution to make for the New Year is to do all your purchasing for the year 1909 in Lowell.

Happy New Year to everybody.

Take the pledge today and keep it.

Au revoir leap year.

Girls, four years before you can "leap" a proposal on the members of the male persuasion. It is all up to the sterner sex now.

One week from Sunday comes the big annual St. Patrick's day convention.

Old time Lowell theatre-goers will remember Conant and Cousins, Magi and Baron Magi, the misbegotten who are now at their home in Middleboro. Their last appearance in Lowell was in the old Music Hall, and they made their headquarters at the Merrimack house, then conducted by the late A. V. Partridge. They are fresh from a several weeks' engagement in St. Johns, Newfoundland, where they were very successful. This was the first visit of the trio to Newfoundland, the countless in her long career never having been there, though she has traversed nearly the world over. In

WE
Wish You a Prosperous and A
Happy New
Year

Frank Ricard
Jeweler
636-638 Merrimack Street.

PUTNAM & SON CO., - 166 Central Street



Our January Sale of Overcoats

Means a genuine reduction of prices—the FIRST reduction and the LAST also.

A MARK DOWN here is a MARK-DOWN from prices that were fair to begin with and THIS is the ONLY MARK DOWN on OVERCOATS that will be made.

THE SALE STARTED SPLENDIDLY

Of the finest Coats the number is limited and every day there are fewer to sell.

We clean up our stocks each season, so every garment we offer in this sale is NEW and fashionable.

No goods are bought for sale purposes—whatever is advertised is our regular high class merchandise; reduced in prices to close the lots.

ALL OF ROGERS-PEET'S MOST EXPENSIVE OVERCOATS

Lined with silk, finest patent beavers, kerseys and coatings that sold for \$40 and \$45, now marked **\$30**

ROGERS-PEET'S FINE OVERCOATS

Made from fine coatings in black, Oxford and olive. They're the finer grade coats that sold for \$35, none less than \$30, all now **\$25**

ROGERS-PEET'S OVERCOATS

THAT SOLD FOR \$25, NOW \$20

Handsome black and Cambridge meltons, all made with worsted linings and deep satin yokes—the few that remain from our \$25 lots today, **\$20**

ALL OF THE YOUNG MEN'S BLACK, BLUE AND OXFORD OVERCOATS

To fit young men from 31 to 36 breast measure, marked as below.

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$20 and \$25—now **\$15**

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$15—now **\$10**

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$12—now **\$8.00**

Young Men's Overcoats
Were \$8.00—now **\$6.00**

All of the New Fancy Overcoats

And they're every one strictly new, have been marked down to the limit.

All Fancy Overcoats

Olive, smoke shades and fancy tweeds, with military or regular collars, sold up to \$22, now to close **\$15**

All Fancy Overcoats

Full box back, 46 and 50 inches long, new shades of olive and slate, sold for \$15 and \$16, now to close for **\$10**

Young Men's Swagger Fancy Overcoats

All new—cut on the latest models—sold for \$10 and \$12—now to close **\$7.50**



Two weeks the trio will begin an engagement in Philadelphia. In the meantime, they will be seen in the city of the windows. Christian's people from all over the world, from here they plan to go to the city where they will visit members of the countess and baron's family. That time in eighteen years, and they will have a period of rest and recreation. "Do you ever think of returning to the countess recently. 'No,' was the reply. 'Home is pleasant, but my place could be more so than that, but when at night you look about you see only perhaps a dim light on the wall and there it is then, comes the longing for the footlights.'"

PEOPLE OF NOTE

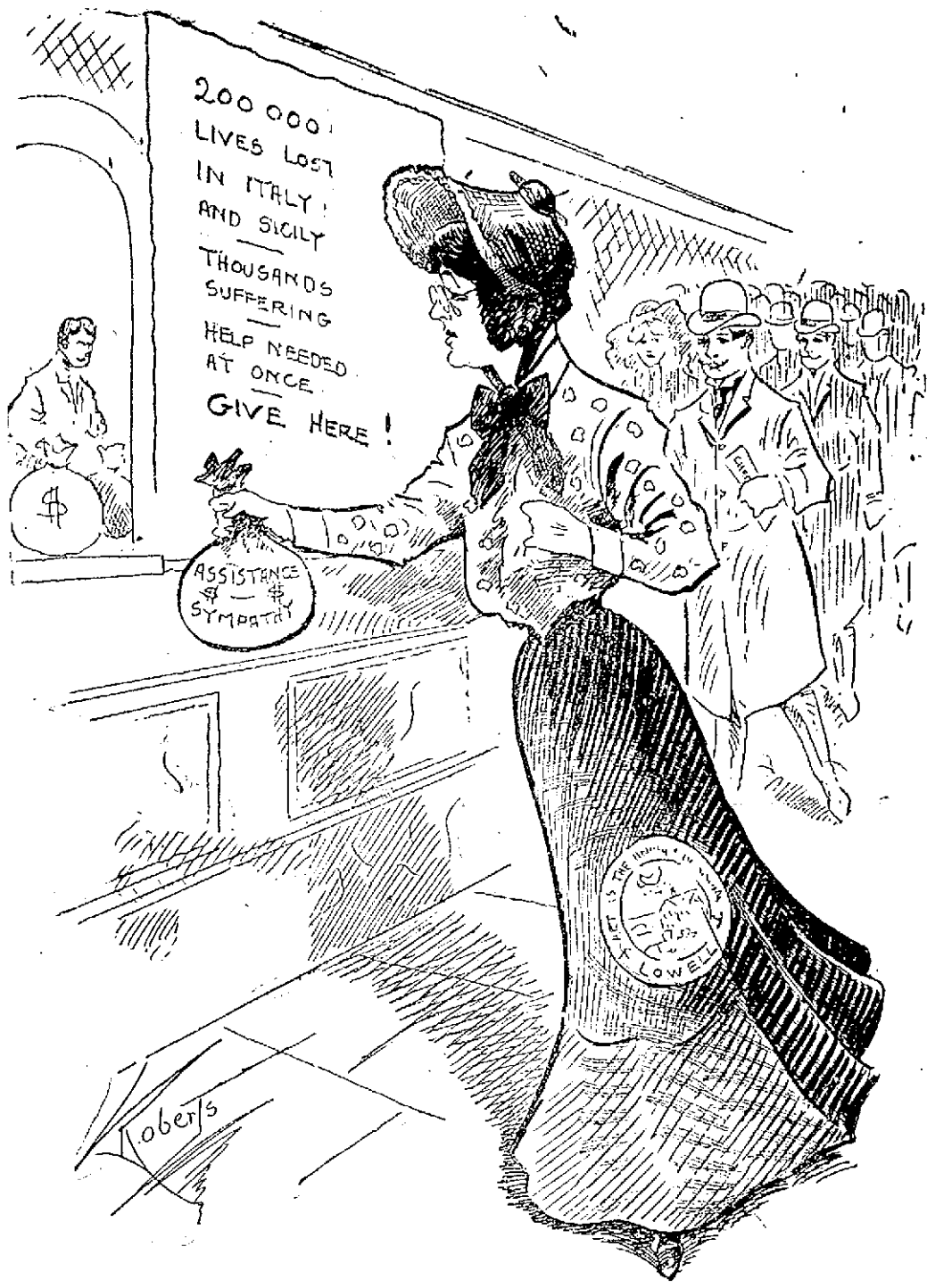
The memorial to John Bunyan which is to be placed in Westminster Abbey, will take the form of a stained glass window depicting scenes in the life of the author. The price of \$1,000 at the recent memorial show at Spokane, Wash., was secured by Mr. Horan, a native of Lowell, in this state, which is to be placed in the east window of the abbey. Mr. Horan exhibited a series of vignettes representing scenes in the life of the author. The window chosen is in the east window of the abbey.

100 points. He set out his orchard of 50 acres in 1880, and it contains approximately 7000 pear trees of several varieties, 1500 peach trees, and 1300 apple trees. From his apple trees he took more than \$500 boxes this season. Mr. Horan took the land in an exhibit representing practically every apple belt in the country. Of fruit growing as a business, he says: "All the orchardists of our country are making money, and many of them spend their winters in southern California."

Governor Glenn of North Carolina, whose term of office expires with the close of the present year, has been engaged by the syndicate of North Carolina to spend the first six months of 1909 in canvassing the state in the interest of Presbyterian home missions.

John Aiken of Altoona, Pa., who has a wife and eight children, recently met with a misfortune which very nearly turned into a benefit and convinced him that his lot is cast among generous and sympathetic people. His house and contents were destroyed by fire, leaving him entirely destitute. When the situation became known, his neighbors began to raise money, furniture, etc., with the result that his temporary abode contains more goods, clothing and provisions than ever before. He now has over \$500 in cash, more than he saved in 15 years, to build the home that burned on the day he made the last payment.

Big night tonight. Prescott hall. If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.



LOWELL WILL RESPOND.

"In faith and hope the world will disagree.
But all mankind's concern is charity."

TEWKSBURY

In both the Centre and the North Tewksbury churches the holiday period was fittingly observed by Christmas trees.

An impressive Christmas cantata was given in the Evangelical church last Sunday evening by a chorus of 25 voices. The first part, entitled "Promises," was in the words of the Old Testament, and the music was of a majestic, serious sort. The last part, entitled "Fulfillment," was of happy, joyous, glorious music. It was written in the spirit of the middle ages, and the legends and imagination of that time heightened the effect of the story. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Walter Mussey of Lowell, Mrs. P. O. Kable, Mrs. Mrs. George Bennett. The entertainment given was by the Bennett-Fleming Entertainment Co. The participants were: Miss Molly Fleming, reader; Misses Maude and Edna Bennett, soloists; J. G. Fleming, reader, and Miss Lola Talbot, accompanist.

One most pleasing feature was a lullaby, consisting of a solo by Mrs. Kable, with a trio and violin obligato by Mr. H. L. Littlehale. The church was packed.

In the North Tewksbury Baptist church a sociable was held in the vestry on Wednesday evening, under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Fleming and Mrs. P. O. Kable. The entertainment

given was by the Bennett-Fleming Entertainment Co. The participants were: Miss Molly Fleming, reader; Misses Maude and Edna Bennett, soloists; J. G. Fleming, reader, and Miss Lola Talbot, accompanist.

Monday night the young men of No. Tewksbury invited the young ladies of the town to a straw ride. All rode over to Grange hall in Andover. Refreshments were served and a general good time was in order.

The Hillside club of North Tewksbury met Tuesday night at the home of Miss Frances Trull. A debate was the principal feature of the evening, the subject being "Woman Suffrage." The negative side won.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hatch of Tewksbury Centre spent Christmas in Tyngsboro.

Jesse R. Taft has returned to New York again after his Christmas visit with his parents.

Miss Olive Coburn is better.

Miss Harriet B. Whitaker is spending a week's vacation at home.

Great anxiety is felt for the safety of Mrs. J. C. Kittredge and her two daughters, former residents of this town, who were sojourning at Taormina, a hill town of Sicily, lying between Messina and Catania, the centre of the recent terrible earthquake disturbances.

The children of the state hospital enjoyed a Christmas tree, the gifts for the same being furnished by the Tewksbury Woman's Missionary society.

Miss Susie Whittemore has been confined to her home since Sunday. It is reported that there are four cases of diphtheria in Tewksbury.

Mrs. H. P. Dinmore has been called to Frametown, N. H., on account of her sister's illness.

LOWELL EDUCATIONAL CLUB

Rev. H. E. Shattuck addressed the Lowell Educational club yesterday, taking for his subject "A Word to Women." He based his remarks on I Cor. 11, 7, "The woman is the glory of man." The address proved highly interesting and instructive. Selections were read by Mrs. W. Dana Hill, Mrs. A. C. Huston, Mrs. F. M. Merrill, Mrs. J. P. Bachelor and Miss Nancy D. Moody of Burgess street.

HELD WHIST PARTY

A well attended whist party was held last night by Club Social de Centralville. Two teams, one captained by Joseph Patten, and the other by Fred Lussier, contested for honors, the latter team winning by a score of 160 to 149. Prizes were awarded to the eight leading individual pairs among the two teams their scores being as follows:

Officer Cordeau and Ludger David, 25 points; Albert Marcotte and Wilfred Barthe, 21; Geoffrey Caron and Helen Madie, 21; Edmund Traversy and Fernand Desrosiers, 21; Wm. Daplan and Bernard Hebert, 20; Alfred Bourassa and René Emard, 20; Joseph Tremblay and Henry Chretien, 20; Henri Izarell and Caliste Lequin, 20; Louis Marcel Chenevert and John Landry.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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"THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

"Today better than yesterday." This will be our endeavor for the coming year. Better service and better values; and we start off today with our Department Clearance Sales offering tremendous price reductions—Bear in mind that every department in the store will hold its special three days' sale some time during this month at which time you'll find as remarkable and even more attractive values than these that are ready today.

The Greatest Values Ever Offered in Lowell in

NEW AND FASHIONABLE

Men's Wear

Are in evidence among these most interesting price reductions. As we have often stated this is the best men's wear store in this section.

House Jackets.....1-3 less than regular prices

Bath Robes.....1-3 less than regular prices

\$1 Underwear reduced to.....50c a garment

Men's Union Suits at.....1-2 regular prices

Regular \$1 Shirts.....59c each, 4 for \$2.00

\$1.50 and \$2 Shirts, only.....98c each

Men's 50c Negligees.....3 for \$1.00

50c and 75c Night Shirts.....29c each, 4 for \$1.00

Some \$1 and \$1.50 Pajamas, only.....50c a suit

White Bosom Shirts, were 50c, 75c.....29c each

All Our 50c Neckties.....35c each, 3 for \$1.00

All our 25c Neckties.....18c each, 3 for 50c

Soiled and Mussed Ties, values up to \$1.00, 15c each, 2 for 25c

Men's 50c Hosiery.....Only 29c a pair

25c Half Hose.....15c, 2 pairs for 25c

Regular 15c Hose.....10c pair, 3 for 25c

See Merrimack Street Window

EAST SECTION

LEFT AISLE

The Books

Went Out Fast Yesterday at These Prices—

All our 10c Books, only.....5c each

All our 15c Books, only.....10c each

All our 19c Books, only.....10c each

All our 25c Books, only.....19c each

1 lot of 39c Books, only.....25c each

1 lot of 45c Books.....3 for \$1.00

1 lot of 49c Books only.....35c each

1 lot of 90c Books, only.....69c each

1 lot of 95c Books, only.....79c each

1 lot of \$1.08 Books, only.....79c each

3 sets Ragged Dick series, were \$2.50 set, now \$1.75 set

25 copies Birds That Hunt and Are Hunted—illustrated in colors—were 50c, now.....69c

3 copies Christmas Carols, by George Withers—illustration on each page—were \$3.00, now \$1.30

International Bibles—

Bibles that were 50c, now.....39c

Bibles that were \$1.50, now.....\$1.00

Bibles that were \$1.75, now.....\$1.15

Bibles that were \$1.98, now.....\$1.25

Bibles that were \$2.25, now.....\$1.50

Bibles that were \$2.50, now.....\$1.75

1 lot of shopworn Bibles that sold for \$1.25 to \$2.75 each, now.....75c each

All Calendars, Booklets and Cards are One-Half Price

PALMER STREET

CENTRE AISLE

PRICES FOR

Ladies' Garments, Suits, Etc.

Reduced Without Regard to Cost Profit

And besides our very low prices there's the satisfaction of knowing that garments from here are distinct in their fashion, properly fitted and made by the best and most reliable manufacturers. Reasons why we claim ours the best values.

TAILORED SUITS

In all the new shades of broadcloth, serges, worsteds and mannish mixtures—made in the latest models.

VALUE	SALE PRICE
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Suits.....	\$7.50
\$15.00 and \$16.50 Suits.....	\$10.00
\$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits.....	\$15.00
\$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits.....	\$18.50
\$32.50 and \$35.00 Suits.....	\$20.00

COATS

In broadcloth coats, ulsters, Caracul cloth coats, all lengths, from 30 to 50 inches.

\$15.00 and \$16.50 Coats.....	\$5.00
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Coats.....	\$8.50
\$16.50 and \$18.50 Coats.....	\$12.50
\$25.00 and \$27.50 Coats.....	\$18.50

CHILDREN'S COATS

In broadcloth, kersey, chevrot and worsteds, all colors, plain or braid trimmed, all sizes.

\$2.98 and \$3.50 Coats.....	\$1.98
\$3.98 Coats.....	\$2.98
\$4.98 Coats.....	\$3.98
\$6.98 Coats.....	\$5.00
\$7.98 Coats.....	\$5.98
\$10.00 and \$12.50 Coats.....	\$7.50

FUR COATS

\$75.00 Russian Pony Coat.....	\$55.00
\$100.00 Fur Lined Coat.....	\$75.00
\$50.00 Fur Lined Coat.....	\$37.50

CHILDREN'S FURS

\$1.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	98c
\$2.98 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$1.98
\$3.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$2.50
\$3.98 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$2.98
\$7.50 Children's Fur Sets.....	\$5.98

VOILE AND SILK DRESSES

\$10.00 Taffeta Dresses.....	\$7.50
\$12.50 Messaline Dresses.....	\$9.98
\$15.00 Voile and Taffeta Dresses.....	\$10.00
\$16.50 Taffeta Dresses.....	\$12.50

RAIN COATS

\$8.50 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$5.98
\$10.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$7.50
\$15.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$10.00
\$20.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$13.50
\$22.50 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$15.00
\$25.00 Rubberized Raincoats.....	\$16.50

TAFFETA AND SATIN SKIRTS

\$15.00 Black Taffeta Skirts.....	\$5.00
\$15.00 Black Satin Skirts.....	\$7.50

SWEATERS

\$1.50 Sweaters.....	98c
\$2.98 Sweaters.....	\$1.98

FLANNELETTE KIMONAS

49c Kimonas.....	39c
75c and 98c Kimonas.....	69c

FUR RUFFS

25 per cent. reduction on our entire stock of Fur Ruffs.

FURS

Special January reductions in our Fur Dept.

PETTICOATS

\$2.50 Mohair Petticoats.....	\$1.98
\$2.98 Embroidered Petticoats.....	\$1.98
\$2.98 Satin Petticoats.....	\$1.98

EXTRA LARGE PETTICOATS

\$1.98 and \$2.50 extra large Satin and Mohair Petticoats, made especially full for large women. Sale prices.....93c

BLACK KERSEY CAPES

\$5.00 and \$7.50 Capes.....	\$2.98
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WAISTS

Our entire stock of Tailored Waists made of damask, madras and linen, reduced from \$2.98 to \$1.98

Owing to the big reductions which have been made for this sale, a small charge for alterations will be asked.

CLOAK DEPT.

SECOND FLOOR

BASEMENT BAR-GAIN DEPT.

Some of Our January Bargains

GOOD VALUES FROM OUR SHEETING COUNTER

Full yard wide, bleached cotton, nice, soft quality, in large pieces, 3c value.....5 1/2c Yard

Fine bleached cotton, in half prices, very nice quality, full yard wide, 10c value.....At 7c Yard
40-inch wide, unbleached cotton, very fine quality, usually bleached for sheets and pillow cases, 11c value.....At 6 1/2c Yard

Dwight seamless Sheet, the best family cotton made.....20c
8-4 wide seamless.....22c
10-4 wide seamless.....24c

SOME OF OUR GOOD BARGAINS IN BLANKET DEPT.

10-4 Fancy Striped Cotton Blankets, full size, made of selected stock, and all fast colors, 15c value, Only 12c Pair

11-4 Gray and White Blankets, nice thick nap and warm blankets, for double bed, 50c value.....At 40c Pair

One case of fine Gray Wool Flannel Blankets, full 11-4 size, and very heavy. This extra blanket is advertised all over New England at \$1.49 pair.....Our Price 90c Pair

Wool Blankets at lower prices than all other blankets, full 11-4 size, white, wool blankets, good heavy quality, with fast color borders and silk bound, \$2.50 value.....At \$1.50 Pair

Wool Blankets, 11-4 size, very heavy blanket, with thick and warm wool fleece, pink, blue and red borders, solid pairs and perfect, 25 value.....At \$15.00

BED COMFORTERS AT LOW PRICES

Five bales of full sized comforters filled with clean, white batting and covered with good, fast color silkoline and fancy stitched; good large size for double bed.....\$1.50 value at \$1.10

Three bales of good comforters, regular and extra size, covered with fine silkoline and velvet cloth lined with good sanitary batt; 25c value with \$1.75 each

About 20 nice down pillows filled with pure down and covered with finest domestic satin; 60c value.....At \$1.50

20 pieces of all linen crash toweling; good and heavy quality; 10c value.....At 4 1/2c Yard

One case of good twill cotton toweling, woven selvedge and good soft quality; 5c value.....At 4c Yard

BARGAINS IN OUR BOYS' CLOTHING DEPT.

Boys' Knee Pants, made of good wool cloth and well made; 39c value.....At 25c pair

Knickerbockers, made of good corduroy, fancy wool mixture and dark blue chevrot, well made, and full sized 12c value.....At 5c pair

Boys' Russian Overcoats and Reefers at reduced prices.

\$2.00 value at \$1.50
\$3.00 value at \$2.00
\$4.00 value at \$3.00
\$5.00 value at \$4.00

One case of Pillow Slips, made of the best brand of cotton 42x36 and 48x36, slips worth from 15c to 19c each.....Only 12 1/2c Each

Just opened a new lot of those yard wide Outing Flannel, all new patterns, made for next season, handsome stripes and plain colors, 15c value.....At 10c Yard

SPECIAL VALUES IN TURKISH TOWELS

Just received. Five Cases of Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, extra large, made of the mill at much less than regular prices.

Two Cases of Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed, 48x36, also soft quality, the same. At 15c Each
Two Cases of Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, good large size, 48x36 inches, extra good value at 20c. Sale Price, 15c Each

One Case of Extra Heavy Turkish Bath Towels, in good quality, extra large, 60x40 inches, 25c value, at 19c Each

12 Dozen Ladies' and Men's Cash Sweaters, white with rainbow tints, made of fine and full size, good heavy guarantee, made of good clean yarn, usually sold at \$1.50. The Rack

Tea and Coffee Special For 77c

5 lb. Sugar
1 lb. Coffee
1-2 lb. Tea
1 Can Milk
1 Bottle Biscuits

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THE PRESIDENT

Roundly Scored by Virginia Man

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—Carleton B. Hazard, a wealthy Virginian who lives on a 30-acre suburban tract near Rock Creek Park, where his young daughter takes daily rides, has sent the following letter to the president:

"The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,
"Sir—My little daughter Martha, 14 years old, came home about two weeks ago from a horseback ride crying and stated that she had been accosted by you while riding in Rock Creek Park. She informs me that she unexpectedly came upon your party and guard, and not wishing to pass you she simply rode slowly back to you until she should come to a road that would lead her toward home, whereupon you turned on her and asked her if she did not think she had followed you long enough, and ordered her to take a side road which would lead her away from home.

"She refused to do this, and promptly told you she would take the other road, which led her toward her home, and she did so.

"If notice from an article in the Evening Star of this city that you angrily turned upon some college girls, knocking the foot of one of the young ladies from the stirrup and at the

same time striking her horse with your crop for passing you.

"Did you expect my daughter to comprehend how a gentleman could accost young girls, unprotected on a public road, with fits of anger. As for my little girl, she shall take her rides as usual, and if she should be so unfortunate as to meet you again, I feel confident that this communication from me will be sufficient to assure her safety hereafter.

(Signed) "Carleton B. Hazard."

DAUGHTER DEAD

Couple Decided to End Their Lives

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Unable to endure the thought of spending their declining years alone and without the cheering presence of a daughter, whom they both worshipped, Prof. A. P. Gordy of New York University and his wife committed suicide yesterday, a few hours after the death of their daughter.

The girl, who was 18 years old, had been suffering for weeks from pneumonia and died yesterday.

After a long and painful struggle for nearly two years, the parents of the young woman appeared to grow more resigned and the physician and nurses felt that nothing they could do would comfort the couple.

The two then retired to their apartments and getting into bed, emptied the contents of three bottles of chloroform on the pillow between them. Two hours later Prof. James E. Lough of New York University, who lives in apartments adjoining those of Prof. Gordy, caught the odor of chloroform and raced to the apartments of his friend.

After vainly waiting for some answer to his persistent ringing, Prof. Lough summoned Dr. Van Santvoord, the Gordy family physician, and the two broke in the door.

Making their way to the bedroom of the professor and his wife, they found the couple clasped in each others' arms and both dead.

Four letters were found, one of which gave detailed instructions for the burial.

Prof. Gordy was 55 years old and a native of Maryland. He was a PhD of the University of Leipzig, an LL.D. of the Western University of Pennsylvania and a recognized authority in the field of political history. On the faculty of New York University the professor filled the chair of professor of American history and pedagogy.

FROM Y. M. C. A.

Chief of Police of Lawrence Chosen

LAWRENCE, Jan. 1.—Construction begins in the police department today on a statement made yesterday by Mayor-elect White, that sweeping changes are to be made after his inauguration on Monday next. The changes will include the deposition of City Marshal John E. Sheehan and Assistant Marshal Samuel C. Logan, both of whom will be assigned to beats as patrolmen, and also the bringing of charges against a number of police officers, who will be granted hearings if they so desire.

Richard H. Fox, physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A., will be appointed city marshal, and has already notified the mayor-elect that he will accept the office. Patrolman Charles R. Vose will be appointed assistant city marshal. Police Sergeant Wm. E. Slough will probably be appointed captain of the night watch, but it is expected that the present incumbent, Capt. J. J. Sullivan, will contest the attempt to remove him, and will be given a hearing.

Mayor-elect White has given out that there will be sweeping changes in the beats, but that the city marshal will have full charge of the reorganization, and that it will take a full week to do it.

Yesterday Matthew De Gray Ripon, who is to be the mayor's private secretary, secured from City Auditor Sheehan a list of city bonds held up by Mayor Kane. They totalled over \$20,000.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Meadow-Brook Farm" which is W. P. Mann's new offering, is a play peculiarly and provincially of a New England type, and is bound to outlive many more pretentious dramas. It portrays truly the character of the Yankee and it pictures scenes of culminating interest in a New England settlement, but this is merely a narrow view of the play, as it is one that contains intense interest which appeals straight to the heart of a constituent that perhaps never saw New England.

"Uncle Si Holden" (Tim Storum).

LOOK OUT FOR THAT COLD

Laxative Cold Tablets

Have Saved Many From Pneumonia

For sale only at

GOODALE'S DRUG STORE.

and "Sim Smith" the Town Constable and Justice of the peace and their intimates are mere repetitions of boyhood's associates, which will cause almost any city man to swear to an affidavit that he has been carried back to the time of his youth.

J. Stuartwood has been especially engaged to create the part of "Sil Holden" in "Meadow-Brook Farm" which will be seen at the Opera House tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

"COME BACK TO ERIN"

Did you ever hear Charles Mack play the real Irish "Bagpipes"? His "Wearing of the Green" and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" will simply captivate you. Mr. Mack in "Come Back to Erin" will be the attraction at the Opera House, Tuesday, January 5th.

YIDDISH PLAYERS

An attraction which is rarely seen here will be given at the Opera House Jan. 6 when the celebrated Yiddish operatic company who have at its head Maud Regina Prager, known as the Yiddish Patti, and Mr. K. Juveller, the sweet tenor singer and celebrated Yiddish actor. These two Yiddish operatic stars have caused a great sensation in the Ghetto of New York City where they are the most prominent in their line and have also scored a tremendous hit wherever and whenever they have made their appearance. They will present here "The Sacrifice," a play of Yiddish life interwoven with sweet melodious music of the Oriental type. The supporting company is composed of the best talent of the Yiddish theatres.

"PAID IN FULL"

Harper's Weekly, speaking of Eugene Walter's play "Paid in Full," said:

"Paid in Full" is a play for which the author, Mr. Eugene Walter, deserves much commendation. The play, from beginning to end, is extremely well done both by playwright and company, and with interest might well be added to the title as an expression of what the audience derives from it. "The play deals with humble persons; humble, that is, in comparison with the 'high society' folk one is accustomed to see strutting through the measures of social drama. It is just what it should be—quick, alert, full of interest."

"Paid in Full" will be the attraction at the Opera House January 7, 8 and 9 with a Saturday matinee. The Wagner and Kemper Co. will send here the notable cast of players that presented this celebrated play in New York, where it ran two years.

HATHAWAY'S THEATRE

One reads a lot about the regeneration of criminals, but it's seldom that the cause of such reform is

In view of the deep price-cutting, we cannot permit memo charges. Sales must be final and for cash only.

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RELIABILITY

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Waists Cut In Halves or two for the price of one

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Rarely or ever have you seen or heard of Waist values like these—Only once in a life-time are such worthy and reliable goods offered at these TERRIBLE SACRIFICES.

Mistakes are costly—We told you before we bought too heavy—but our bitter medicine should be sweet to you. The 25 per cent. Discount Sale announced Monday left us with many broken assortments and sizes, so we have grouped the balance in lots making perfect size lists and will make a clean sweep, beginning Friday, New Year's Day, at HALF PRICE and LESS.

Every waist is from our own regular stock and will be found "CLEAN AS A HOUND'S TOOTH." If you miss the final clearance, you'll miss something that may never be duplicated again. Our entire shop is practically given over to waists and extra saleswomen are here to wait upon you promptly.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS

You will find them with long and short sleeves, button front or back.

When we say HALF PRICE we mean just what we say, nothing more, nothing less.

They are grouped in four lots—each containing a complete line of sizes as follows:

Lot	Regular Price	SALE PRICE
Lot 1 Consists of practically all styles in Lawn, Batiste, Madras.	95c	48c
Lot 2 You'll find Lawn, Batiste, Madras, Linen, Silk Poplins, Brilliantines and Nun's Veilings. The three last named come in navy and black. All sizes.	1.95	98c
Lot 3 Comprises Scotch Flannels, Lawns, Batiste, Laces—ecru and white.	2.95	1.48
Lot 4 Is made up of fine Lawns, Batiste, Beautiful Laces and Roman Stripe French Flannels. They have been reduced from \$4.95 and \$5.50.	4.95 AND 5.50	2.48

In continuation with this sale we will offer all our Belts at exactly Half Price. \$2 Belts for \$1. \$1 Belts for 50c. 50c Belts for 25c.



Here's the Most Interesting News in This Paper

The Big Manufacturer's Outlet Sale

Sweeps Resistlessly Onward

The magnetism of the myriad bargains of the Manufacturer's Outlet Sale is daily crowding the store with shoppers from far and near. And little wonder!

In this sale your money goes as far as it possibly will in the purchase of good, reliable merchandise. The buying power of your dollars is developed to fullest possible extent. Every cent you spend here now brings you a measure of value heaped-up, pressed down and running over.

Strong claims, say you? Yes—yet not strong enough. A visit to the store will convince you that we have rather under-stated than exaggerated the immensity of the stocks—the high-quality character of the goods and the wonderful lowness of the prices.

Worth Investigation, Isn't It?

40 to 50 Per Cent. Saving on	ABOUT ONE-HALF PRICE	ABOUT ONE-HALF PRICE	20 Per Cent. Off
MEN'S SUITS	For Neckwear and Winter Caps	For Underwear Hose and Gloves	All Men's Overcoats
A bold price cut that makes it unnecessary for men to wear any but our superior ready-to-wear suits.	13c—For handsome silk 4-in. Handkerchiefs. 25c value.	19c—For Boys' Heavy Flannel Lined Underwear. 38c value.	By this we mean unrestricted choice of Overcoats—everything from conservative staples to the very latest departures in models of extreme cut, color and fabrics.
\$10 and \$12 Suits at \$6.50	18c—For the latest Silk 4-in. Hands. 50c patterns.	33c—For Men's Heavy Flannel Lined Underwear. 50c value.	You Look at the Price Ticket and Pay Us
At this price we offer a broad choice of models and colorings, as in the higher prices, including black clay, blue serges, brown, fancy mixed worsteds and fancy chevrons.	10c—For Men's and Boys' Double Band Winter Caps. 25c value.	29c—For Men's Heavy Jersey Ribbed Underwear. In four colors. 50c value.	Just 20 Per Cent. Less Than Marked Price
Men's Pants at About Half Price	19c—For Men's and Boys' Fur Inside Band Caps. 50c value.	15c—For Men's Heavy Wool and Cashmere Hose. 25c value.	
Look in our windows for styles and prices.	15c—For Little Boys' Fancy Wool Worsteds. 30c value.	15c—For Men's and Boys' Wool Gloves. 25c value.	
	33c—For Men's Blue Melton and Kersey, Double Band Driving Caps. 50c and 75c value.	48c—For Boys' Heavy Fur Gloves. 75c value.	
	98c—For Men's Fur Band Caps. \$1.50 value.	9c—For Men's and Boys' Suspenders. 15c value.	
		15c—For Little Boys' Lisle Thread Undershirts. 25c value.	

BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT REDUCED PRICES

J. L. CHALINOUX
49 to 59 CENTRAL ST.

told. In "Weaving the Net," which Miss Lisle Leigh and company give at Hathaway's this week, a most unusual incident occurs. This brings about the return to the good life of the woman who is known to the police of New York as "Kid Gloved Nan." In a moment of much dramatic intensity the woman surrenders the life of a thief to become a woman of respectability and decency. It all happens just as the bells are ringing out the news of the New Year's advent.

Howard & North, very funny men, with plenty of new ideas, give their hilarious sketch entitled "Back in Wellington." The sketch is a sequel to "Those Were the Happy Days" which played so well last season. In it Mr. Howard is seen pushing a baby carriage and attending its occupant, while his wife goes to the village store. And he is happy and humorous through it all. Morrissey & Ayer, a couple of well dressed young men, tickle the piano keys and then sing. One of their best songs is the great Colman hit "Sullivan." Other acts on the bill are: Musical comedy in "Gilt's Thanksgiving"; "Flying Martins," acrobats; Slirk and Louden, cycling acrobats and jumpers; and the bathscope, with two thrilling pictures.

Performances will be given every afternoon and evening during the remainder of the week. At the matinee today all children received boxes of candy.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

All the old favorites, the grocery man, the best girl and the boy himself are at the Academy again, and two large audiences roared at the antics of the boy once more. The boy? Well, Jack Ruby, of course, the boy of mischief who has made the whole country laugh. He is at the Academy for the remainder of the moving picture season with the comedian of the burlesque stock company repeating his many funny gags and sayings as accurately as if he were there himself. All the characters in this celebrated burlesque are represented vocally by the clever members of the Dramatic company and as a matter of fact, the burlesque company's version of "The Boy and the Girl" is a most pleasing thing and it is one of the comedies of the bad boy and his neighbor. It is a laugh and then to wonder how a fine attraction can be so good for ten cents per head. But the burlesque company which is a big attraction in itself is only a big part of the whole bill for there are many new moving pictures and

two fingers of illustrated songs, and all for one price of admission, for ten cents gets the best seat in the house and children are admitted for half price. Don't miss this great entertainment for a time.

THEATRE VOYONS

The new program offered yesterday at Theatre Voyons is an extra good one, and its variety is such that there is something to please everyone.

"Red Cloud" is a novelty in an Indian picture, for every character in it is acted by a real Indian. "Winter Sports at St. Moritz" shows several views of this beautiful winter resort in Switzerland. Two comedies are given, both laughable and novel. "Who's Smoking the Rope" is a merry picture of a trouble baby has in trying to smoke up wife's Christmas present of a box of cigars. "Don't Take Me Home" is a comic picture after the fashion of several recent hits, and "It's Always Nice Weather Indoors" is a particularly catchy waltz song.

STAR THEATRE

"Strongheart," the piece which has been so successfully produced by Robert Edison, is the theme of the talking picture at the Star theatre. It was presented for the first time Thursday afternoon. "Big Bear," a scene is seen alighting from a train, enters the university grounds, and sees a college youth forcing attentions on a pretty girl. He intervenes in the young woman's behalf. Later he rescues her from being injured in a runaway accident. This scene is very thrilling. "Big Bear" in the football game, the stabbing affair, and the death of "Big Bear" are the scenes of the best moving pictures ever produced.

Freeman's famous performing goats furnish one of the best acts ever seen here. To begin with the goats have a prayer meeting. There is a minister, deacon and Sunday school. The trainer is unable to disperse them until he says Amen. The tight rope walking is a pronounced feature of this act, which cannot be duplicated by four footed animals of any kind. New illustrated songs, "Dixie and the Girl I Love," and "Look Out, There Comes an American," were sung Thursday.

For the admission price of five cents, which entitles patrons to seats, the entertainment at the Star theatre exceeds any in Lowell.

GARDE ST. PAUL

HELD MILITARY PARTY LAST EVENING

Garde Saint Paul held a delightful military dance in O. U. A. M. hall last evening. The hall was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue bunting and with Old Glory and tricolor much in evidence. Among the guests were members of the Garde d'Honneur and Garde Frontenac, and the uniforms of the members of the three military bodies enhanced the beauty of the ball room scene.

A dance program of 15 numbers was afterwards enjoyed, opening with a grand march in which participated about 75 couples. Nearly all of the masculine marchers were members of

the three guards present. Second Lieut. Zolique Gregoire of the Garde Frontenac and Miss Violet Fowler led the march, followed by Sergt. Michel Buote of the Garde Saint Paul and Mrs. Buote, Capt. Joseph L. Pigeon of the Garde Saint Paul and Mrs. Pigeon, First Sergt. Nelson Phillips of the Garde d'Honneur and Miss Martha Favreau, etc.

Ice cream and other refreshments were served.

The officers of the evening were as follows:

Reception committee—Capt. J. L. Pigeon, Lieut. G. E. Girard, Lieut. Gro. Labrie, Sergt. M. Buote, Sergt. E. Lambert, Sergt. A. Mercier, Chief Bagler E. Belleville, Col. Sergt. P. Leblanc, Col. Sergt. A. Miron, Sergt. E. Lamoureux, Sergt. D. Lapierre, Amb. Cor. Dr. A. Bertrand.

Gen. Mgr. Sergt. Michel Buote; assistant general manager, Sergt. Arthur Mercier; floor director, David Laferriere; assistant floor director, Sergt. Oscar Leclair; chief aid, Corp. Alfred Berger; assistant chief aid, Corp. A. Poiroux.

Aids—Corp. A. Perrault, Corp. P. Brown, Sergt. W. Leblanc and Privates H. Poiroux, N. Avette, O. Cyr, M. Brodeur, J. Briere, G. Bourassa, A. Bourgeois, T. Manville, A. Belleville, C. Hardis, P. Desrochers, J. Couillard, J. Beauvais.

"Bad Blood"

shows itself in a muddy complexion, pimples, blurred eyesight, loss of weight, and general debility.

"Bad Blood" is impoverished blood—too poor and thin to furnish nourishment to the flesh, nerves and vital organs.

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by their beneficial action on the system will purify the blood and uphold the bodily and mental vigor. Beecham's Pills begin aright by correcting the digestion and establishing regularity of the bowels. They increase the health-making elements that enrich the blood and give tone and vigor. Beecham's Pills are best for poor blood as they cleanse it thoroughly and

Carry off Impurities

to pass with full directions 10c. and 25c.

JELL-O
The Dainty Dessert

PREPARED INSTANTLY. Simply add boiling water, cool and serve. 10c. per package of 40 packets. 7 flavors. Refuse all substitutes.

WATCH NIGHT THE EARTHQUAKE

Continued

Services Held in Several Churches

The year 1908 passed into history last night, and its transition was marked in Lowell by the ringing of church bells and the holding of watch-night services. A most unique service was held at St. Paul's M. E. church in Third street, which began at 8 o'clock and did not terminate until the New Year had been ushered in. For the evening the general topic had been assigned by the pastor as "The Means of Grace." Sub-divisions of this topic were assigned to several persons, each of whom took up exactly a half hour with his subject.

"Reverence" as a means of grace, was the subject treated on by James F. Savage, and his talk lasted the allotted time. Following him came Miss Josephine Thomas, whose subject was "Sins as a means of grace," and she was followed in order by "Fearing," by Charles Naylor, and "Witnessing," by Florence Armstrong.

At this point an intermission of about an hour was held, during which the Ladies Aid society furnished a light lunch for the watchers. A social hour with informal talk followed the lunch, and then a testimonial meeting. The next subject was "Giving," as a means of grace, the topic assigned to Dr. Charles H. Stowell. At 11 o'clock Mrs. W. A. Moore spoke on "The Bible." Mrs. Moore is a missionary lately returned from India. George Drew added much to the enjoyment of the program with his solos. The last topic was "Prayer," and Mrs. J. Clark (children) occupied the remaining time, until at 11:55 everything was in quietness. At midnight chimes were heard from another room, and as the New Year was rung in, a little child's voice was heard reciting "Another Year is Dawning."

WORTHEN STREET M. E. CHURCH

A union watch night service was held at the Worthen Street M. E. church last night, exercises being conducted until the New Year was greeted. The other churches uniting with the Worthen Street church were the Highland, Central and Centralville Methodist churches, and many members from each congregation were present through the evening.

The program began at 6:30, with a delightful supper served by the younger members of the church, and this was followed by an hour devoted to literary, musical and social pursuits. At 9 o'clock Rev. J. T. Carlyn, pastor of the Centralville M. E. church, spoke on the subject, "The Opportunity of the Future." Rev. Mr. Carlyn spoke until 10 o'clock, when Rev. J. P. West took his theme as "The Past Year." At 10:20 Walter Shepherd addressed the audience on "The Needs of the Hour."

During the following hour a prayer meeting and conference were held, followed by a short address by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Sloan. A walk of a few minutes then followed, and when the chimes announced the arrival of the new year, those present exchanged greetings, bringing the meeting to a fitting close with the benediction.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Following out the usual custom of the church, the members of the congregation and their friends gathered as usual in their church edifice in First street, to watch the old year out and the new year in. During the earlier part of the evening, speaking, music and other exercises occupied the time until midnight approached. Silence settled over the congregation as the old year passed on its way, and when the bells of the city announced that the year 1909 was a fact, all present joined in glad greetings, which closed the service, incidentally the last of the year, in a happy way.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The members of the First Evangelical church last night, following the regular prayer meeting held an impressive watch meeting. There was speaking as usual, the speakers referring to the work of the past and the hope for the future, and with the arrival of midnight the usual New Year's greetings were in order, which, followed by the benediction, concluded the service.

CHARMING PARTY

GIVEN BY MRS. DUNBAR AND MRS. FLATHER

A charming New Year's party was given by Mrs. Frank E. Dunbar and Mrs. Frederick A. Flather in Colonial hall last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Flather were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rogers. The hall was prettily decorated, the stage being particularly attractive.

Refreshments were served in Mid-dex hall, which was decorated in red, the centrepiece being of the popular Christmas flower, the poinsettia. The reading room was turned into a spacious dressing room for the ladies, while the rooms of "The Club," on the floor above, were appropriated to the use of the men.

Among those from out of town were the following: Mr. Arthur J. Cunnock, New York; Miss Clara Francis; Miss Hingham; Littleton, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Wood of Andover; Misses Ben-trice and Katherine Ayer of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Wellington of Boston; Dr. Margaret Noyes of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Palmer of Newton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of Brookline; Mrs. Henry Bartlett of Cambridge; Hon. Butler Ames of Washington.

Chapel Hills, Prescott hall, tonight.

CHILDREN'S HOME

The seventh anniversary of the home was observed today, with an all day reception. At 2 p. m. the children will give an entertainment of songs and recitations. The home is in a very prosperous condition. Ever since the house was opened to receive little homeless children we have had an average of forty, and hundreds of children have been cared for here. Some of them have grown into manhood and womanhood and are filling responsible places. Every child has been supplied with the necessities of life, with which to make the children comfortable. Money, fuel, groceries, clothing, house furnishings and other things have been contributed by the generous people of our city and some friends in other cities and towns. To all we extend sincere thanks and hope many will call today and see the children and the improvements made in the house.

Elmer O'Leary, Matron.

PHYSICAL CULTURE AND BOXING INSTRUCTOR

Bunels' Bldg., third floor. Open from 8 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m. Take elevator.

SENDING AID TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STRICKEN DISTRICT

ROME, Jan. 1.—Estimates of the death toll of the earthquake now cease to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming—figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater effort those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel opened to the government has been utilized to this end and

along the route. They report 18 provincial villages, besides those already mentioned in Calabria as having been completely ruined. This would indicate that the earthquake's havoc was not confined to the coast. What has become of the inhabitants of these villages is not known. Those that were left alive after the destruction of their homes doubtless joined the great army of refugees seeking safety, or have fallen by the wayside.

The Calabrian coast for thirty miles has been torn and ravaged. From Reggio to Reggio, a distance of 25 miles, is half demolished. Assistance has reached but few of these places and they are practically without supplies of any kind. At Reggio surgical operations are being performed with appalling knives, but at Reggio even that is impossible. Band of thieves infest

sending special envoys to report on the most urgent needs. His Holiness has suspended all audiences, and solemn masses will be said for the repose of the souls of the victims in the churches in Rome, at the expense of the pope.

In view of the impossibility of properly housing and feeding the tens of thousands who have survived the disaster, the authorities have agreed that the only course is to transport them as quickly as possible out of the stricken territory. Accordingly, it has been arranged that all the Italian emigrant steamers shall go to Messina and various other ports for the purpose of taking off the refugees and distributing them to the different cities of Italy.

King Victor Emmanuel yesterday visited all the wrecked villages along

the soldiers have on several occasions been forced to open fire on them. It was only after a pitched battle, in which several were shot and killed, that the southern army was repulsed. All entrances to the city, or what is left of it, are now guarded by soldiers. Many of the survivors are lying exposed to the four winds of heaven. The relief parties, of which several are here now, are unable to cope with them. The cities of the injured zones, each surrounded by an armed force, are now being guarded and are guarded by the militia to prevent pillage by the famished populace. The survivors for two days suffered untold distress, thinking that they had been forsaken. Steamers were seen crossing the straits, but all signals to them were in vain, as they went to Messina. It was only after the king's visit that relief began.

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REP. O'CONNELL

HAS PAPERS SERVED ON J. MITCHELL GALVIN

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—J. Mitchell Galvin, who was republican nominee for congress in the 10th district at the last election, was served yesterday with papers from Congressman O'Connell, whose seat at Washington Mr. Galvin contests.

These papers were in the form of an answer to papers served by Mr. Galvin on Mr. O'Connell, announcing that he would dispute his seat in congress, and they give Mr. O'Connell reasons for believing that he was legally elected.

Mr. O'Connell points out that he received the majority of the votes on the first count and that he also received a majority after these votes were recounted. He also referred to questionable ballots in Quincy which were counted for Mr. Galvin.

The next step in the contest will be the taking of evidence to be used before the congressional committee.

Mr. Galvin at his home last night said that he felt the utmost confidence in the result.

DRACUT

Rev. A. C. Saxman, formerly pastor of the Dracut Centre church but now occupying a pastorate in Evans City, Penn., is visiting friends in Dracut with his bride, to whom he was married on Wednesday evening last in Lawrence. Rev. Mr. Saxman will occupy the pulpit at the Dracut Centre church next Sunday.

Miss Ruth Stuart, with her brothers, La Thette L. and Sidney E. Stuart of Wilmington, Delaware, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Carter in Dracut. Their father was the late Capt. Sidney E. Stuart of the U. S. army, who was well and favorably known, both in this city and in Dracut.

PAIGE STREET F. B. CHURCH

At the Paige Street Free Will Baptist church, the monthly supper was held under the auspices of the Ladies' circle. It was very largely attended. Preceding the supper, a business meeting was held, and a nominating committee was elected to bring in a list of officers for the coming year.

Following the supper was an excellent musical entertainment, each number of which drew much applause. The program was as follows: Duet, Misses Belle and Georgia Luby; song, Mrs. Grace Donaldson; readings, Master Thomas Mack; whistling solo, Master William F. Carr; violin solo, Miss Mildred Brennan; piano solo, Miss Viola Marshall.

Mrs. George F. Libby had charge of the supper, and was assisted by Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. D. P. Kinsworth, Mrs. W. O. Brown and Mrs. Henry McDonald. A corps of young women waited upon the tables.

MATRIMONIAL

Mr. Edwin J. Lewis and Miss Mary E. Kelly were united in marriage Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock at the parochial residence of the Sacred Heart church in Moore street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Wade Smith, D. D.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. Manchester street and during the evening a musical and literary program was carried out. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were the recipient of many beautiful presents. Upon their return to this city they will reside in Westford street.

MOORE-BICKNELL

Miss Sophia May Bicknell, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Hall, and Mr. George C. Moore, Jr., son of Mr. Geo. C. Moore of North Chelmsford, were united in wedlock yesterday at the

home of the bride, Eleventh and Beacon streets.

The house was prettily decorated and the ceremony, which was attended only by the relatives and immediate friends of the two families, was performed by the Rev. Charles T. Billings of the Episcopalian church. Miss Anna L. Brown of this city was maid of honor and the best man was Mr. Everett B. Jenkins of Newton. Messrs. Carl Bicknell of this city and Philip Mitchell of Haverhill were ushers, while Messrs. Seth Hall and Jack Hall acted as pages.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, and there was music by Boris' orchestra. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Moore left for an extended tour of the West, followed by the well wishes of a multitude of friends.

DOUBLE WEDDING

A double wedding took place yesterday afternoon from the home of Mr. Medard Denault, 130 Tenth street, when his son, Dolphus Denault, and daughter, Miss Agnes L. Denault, both well known young people, were united in marriage to a double nuptial ceremony held at St. Louis' church. Mr. Dolphus Denault was married to Miss Isabella Labresque of this city, and Miss Denault to Dr. John D. Butler, a New York physician. The ceremony took place at 5:30 o'clock, and was performed in the church by Rev. Fr. Jacques, pastor of St. Louis' parish. Mr. Medard Denault stood with his son and his daughter at each ceremony, the other witness being Mr. Narcisse Denault. Miss Labresque wore a charming gown of white muslin, and Miss Denault a rich costume of violet cloth.

After the ceremony, a dinner was served at the home of Mr. Medard Denault in Tenth street. A reception followed later in the evening, both young couples leaving together on a bridal journey towards its close. Mr. and Mrs. Denault will live in Lowell, and Dr. and Mrs. Butler will live in Maine.

FINE PROGRAM

AT THE HIGHLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the vestry of the Highland Congregational church last night before a large assemblage there was a very successful presentation of "A Trip to Santa Land." The Christmas tree which had been planned for a week ago was also given. The entertainment began about 8 o'clock and lasted over an hour.

"Santa Land" had many pretty features to it, musical as well as costume, and the long cast presenting it scored hits. Mrs. Oscar N. Naylor had general charge of this feature. The solo work of the evening was wonderfully good. Mrs. Percy Wilson who sang a duet with Miss Jessie Richardson who sang "In Santa Claus Land" receiving encores.

The cast was as follows: "Mrs. Lovelock," Mrs. Percy Wilson; "Harold Lovelock," Harold Ingham; "Alice Lovelock," Miss Jessie Richardson; "Jack Lovelock," Paul Jones; "Suzanne Lovelock," Elizabeth Woodworth; "John Lovelock," Richard Favors; "Tom Lovelock," Arthur Huggard; "Dudley Lovelock," J. G. Huber; "Hayden Lovelock," "Santa Claus," J. Frank Spooner.

Those impersonating the Germans

7-20-4
JRG SULLIVAN'S

10c CIGAR

Actual increase for past nine months two million, sixty-eight thousand. Factory, Manchester, N. H.

were: Gladys Ealy, Marie McPherson, Reynold Rhodes and Edward Hildreth.

The French were: Elizabeth Knowlton, Clara Gardner, Paul Halstead and Cecil Palmer. Marion Wilson and Bernard Knowlton were the Russians and Edith Blumroft and Alfred Barr were the Italians. The Japanese contingent was larger than the rest. Ethel Lombard was the "Cherry Blossom." Doris Byam was the "Wakana" and the others were: Mabel Rhodes, Jane Fleming, Lillian Louger, Ethel Trety, Eva Curran and Pearl Tracy. Raymond Ingham was the Chinese boy and the other Chinese were Helen Rogers, Gladys Sweet, Gwendolyn Swett, Gladys Barr, Edith Huggard, Marie McPherson, Helen Monroe and Marion Louger.

The presents were taken from the tree at the conclusion of the entertainment. Assisting Mr. Spooner was Rev. A. Frederic Dunne. The presents they took and fast there were a good many laughs over some of them. Assisting Mrs. Naylor in the directing of the entertainment were: Miss Grace Hadley, Miss Helen Estwick, Hugh E. McPherson, Mrs. J. L. Curran, George Kimball, Frank Holman, Lester Holman and Ben Hodges.

To our Many Patrons and Friends we extend the wish for

**A Happy
And Prosperous
New Year**

During the year 1909 we shall strive as in the past, faithfully to satisfy the wants of our customers in house painting and interior decorating.

MILO D. CLAY, 415 School St.

Wall Paper

97 APPLETON ST.

WILLIAM RIGG

The well known and reliable piano and furniture mover will attend to all orders large or small, promptly, in or out of town, and he also makes packing a specialty. Order by tel. or postal, or in person at 10 Prescott st. P. S.—Edward McLaughlin is employed in charge of packing.

ST. THOMAS' SALVE

Piles, Old Sores and Skin Diseases

At All Up-to-Date Drug Stores

ELECTRIC and COMBINATION

At Manufacturer's Prices

DERBY & MORSE'S

44 Middle Street, Lowell, Mass.

Fresh Clams Every Day

At the Lowell Inn. Fresh fish direct from the Boston wharves. Lobsters fresh from the traps. Meats fresh and wholesome. Call and see us. LOWELL INN, busiest place in Central street.

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1010 Central Street. Davis Square

MUST CLEAR OUT

During July we held a CLEARING OUT of our summer stock, and when the fall season opened we did not carry over a thing which enables us to give you for the coming Spring season of 1909 an entire new line of up-to-date goods.

WE START TODAY A SIMILAR CARNIVAL OF BUSINESS-BRINGING CUT PRICES AND MONEY SAVING VALUES FOR WE MUST CLEAR OUT

We intend to make this moving of winter stock a double event, for on January 1st we ARE TWO YEARS YOUNG, and to show our appreciation to our many friends we have decided to celebrate our birthday by giving the greatest values ever bought or ever offered in Lowell.

WHEN WE FOUNDED THIS BUSINESS TWO YEARS AGO we adopted a different policy than used heretofore—a policy that has won us success, for we gave more for same money and absolute satisfaction to everybody, and if there is one dissatisfied person that bought at this store we have failed to hear of it. If there should be we always stand ready to make good.

Right here we pledge ourselves to adhere to the "MORE FOR SAME MONEY POLICY" and we hope to continue in the future to merit your support and business relations, and on our part we will leave nothing undone to GIVE YOU A BIG DOLLAR'S WORTH.

The best kind of present to show our thanks we know of to give you for the new year, is to present you with values in Clothing, Furnishings and Shoes like we quote below. They cannot be equalled in any other store for the same money. Remember, it's the little things in life that count, so every little you can save by buying at this store added to what you already have makes you worth that much more.

Men's Suits

Men's Suits and Overcoats

Every garment offered at this price we sold for \$15. Look into this great value

9.95

Men's Suits

Some very neat patterns in mixtures and blacks. Worth \$10

4.95

Suits and Overcoats

At this price you will find garments that would cost you \$5 more elsewhere

5.95

Suits and Overcoats

Well made garments at this price. Formerly \$11.95

7.95

Children's Suits and Overcoats

At these three prices we know they can't be equalled.

1.19, 1.48, 1.98

Knickerbocker Knee Pants

The kind that sold for 75c

45c

Men's Shoes

The great Shoe known as the army and navy

1.29

Men's Working Shirts

Black with white stripes, good and heavy double front

29c

Children's Suits

Buster Brown, 3 to 5 years and double breasted, 9 to 14

98c

Also sizes 3, 4 and 5 in Overcoats

98c

Men's Hats

Stiff and Soft Hats, all sizes

79c

Bowlers, Attention!

We made the bowlers of Lowell the following offers on Monday, Oct. 12, and ending Dec. 23rd, 1908, and the following men won:

OFFER ONE—To a member of a Bowling Team making the highest score with Candle Plus, we will give gratis one of our \$15.00 suits or overcoats. Won by Oscar Johnson, score 202, at Crescent alley, Dec. 30, "Lowell team."

OFFER TWO—To the member of a team making the highest score on Duck Plus we will give a \$15.00 suit or overcoat. Won by Angelo Carnavale, score 245, Crescent alleys, Dec. 18th, Chestnut Club.

OFFER THREE—For the highest total score game made by a team bowling Duck Plus, each member a \$20.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by married men's team, Dec. 25th, Crescent alleys, score 1459. Geo. Le Brun, John Moran, Chas.annon, J. F. Donohue, James Wynne.

OFFER FOUR—For the highest total score game made by a team bowling candle Plus, each member a \$20.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by Lowell team, Dec. 5th, Crescent alleys, score 1290. Thomas Kelly, Walter Jewett, Oscar Johnson, Fred Richardson, Bryant Coleman.

OFFER FIVE—For the highest individual score outside of a team made with candle Plus, \$20.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by Walter Marsh, Nov. 23d, Bridge st. Bowls, score 112.

OFFER SIX—For the highest individual score outside of a team made with duck Plus, a \$20.00 hat or merchandise to same amount. Won by Eugene Queenan, Nov. 30th, Crescent alleys, score 151.

We would request the proprietors of alleys mentioned by letter of identification to bowlers mentioned above, so we may know they are the right parties. No prizes will be given without such letter of identification.

RUBBERS

YOU CAN RUBBER ALL OVER TOWN AND YOU CAN'T EQUAL THESE PRICES FOR SAME GOODS

Ladies' Low Cut Rubbers, 60c value 39c
Men's Low Cut Rubbers, 60c value 49c
Misses' Storm Rubbers, 60c value 39c
Boys' Storm Rubbers, 75c value 49c
Ladies' Storm Rubbers, 75c value 49c
Men's Storm Rubbers, 75c value 59c

Children's Fleece

Underwear

Sizes 24 to 34. A good heavy garment

19c

Men's Coat Shirts

Made of goods usually sold at a dollar

50c

Heavy Underwear

Blue ribbed and fleeced lined

29c

Men's and Ladies' Shoes

A sample line of high grade shoes, all sizes

1.19

Men's Fancy Overcoats

\$9.95 and \$11.95

The new style for fall, sold at \$15 and \$18. Nobby dressers should see these overcoats.

Men's and Boys' Coat

Sweaters

We have sold hundreds of those Sweaters. Did you get one?

39c

Boys' Corduroy Pants

All sizes, 5 to 14

25c

Ladies' and Men's

Sweaters

Here's a value sold all over town at \$1

59c

The Monarch Shirts

All kinds, sold everywhere at \$1. Any shirt in the house

79c

Men's Trousers

No store anywhere ever offered the equal of these trousers. Come and see

75c, 99c

Also see our \$1.49 and \$1.99

Big Values For Wide

Awake Shoe Buyers

Misses' Box Calf, all solid Shoes, sizes 11½ to 2, worth \$1.50

98c

Ladies' Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, worth \$2.50, at

\$1.49

Men's Solid and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$2.50 and \$4.50, at

\$2.79

Ladies' Patent Colt and Gun Metal Shoes, worth \$3.50, at

\$1.95

Men's Heavy Leather Lined Vici Kid Shoes, worth \$2.50, at

\$1.59

Ladies' Vici Kid, Patent Tip Shoes, worth \$3

\$1.79

Men's Kangaroo and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$3 at

\$1.87

Youths' Double Sole, all solid Kangaroo Grain Shoes, sizes 9 to 13½, worth \$2, at

\$1.23

Boys' Box Calf Shoes, 1½ to 5½, worth \$1.75

\$1.19

Boys' Double sole Satin and Kangaroo, all solid Shoes, worth \$2.50

\$1.45

Extraordinary Furnishing Values

Knee Pants—A heavy blue and black checked, all sizes 15c
Tan and Black Hosiery—All sizes, 6½ to 11½, at 4c and 7c
Men's Shirts 23c
Box Reversible Collars 15c
Celluloid Collars 8c
Overalls & Coats—Union made, 45c
Canvas Gloves—A good heavy glove, 6c
Umbrellas—Ladies' and Gents' 25 and 35 in. length 37c
25c Silk Neckwear—You must likely have seen this great value. We sell other than this 10c
Men's and Boys' Gloves—All kinds, wool and leather 19c
Children's Gloves—Assorted colors, heavy weight 19c

Wing's

OUTFITTERS TO MEN & BOYS

31 TO 41 MERRIMACK STREET

Extraordinary Furnishing Values

Men's and Ladies' Coat Sweaters, 96c, \$1.48, \$1.98. Three great values, worth looking into, that were \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.
Children's Sweaters—Sizes 22 to 34, white and gray 23c
Heavy Cashmere Hosiery—All colors, blue, black, oxford and natural 19c
Heavy Blue Underwear—Portsmouth underwear. The kind like the Connecticut 45c
Men's Suspenders—The kind usually sold at 25c 15c
Men's and Boys' Caps—A heavy winter cap to pull over the ears 10c

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

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SUNDAY TRAINS

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LOCAL NEWS

Best of work at Tolson's Printery. Harry's Singing Orchestra, Prescott, tonight.

This week is Quarter Week at the Five Cent Savings Bank. Deposits placed upon interest Saturday Jan. 2.

M. Little, the Bridge street dry goods merchant, has a wonderful lot of New Year's bargains for every caller. His store will be open all the evening. Read his ads. in this issue.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Lowell Opera House
Proprietor—JULIUS CAHN—Mgr.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1-2
Matinee Saturday

Meadow Brook Farm
Prices 15c to 50c. Mat. 15c and 25c. Seats on Sale

MONDAY, JAN. 4
Saja's Columbus Military Band

TUESDAY, JAN. 5
CHAS. MOCK
(Late Callahan & Mock)

In the picturesque Irish play
Come Back to Erin

Prices 15c to 50c. Seats on Sale.

THEATRE VOYONS

Red Cloud
St. Moritz
Mr. Smokey the Hope?

"Don't Take Me Home" and "It's Always Nice Weather Indoors" are the songs.

TEN CENTS—THAT'S ALL

DANCING SCHOOL

Public Classes Wednesday and Thursday Evenings. Private Lessons by Appointment.

O'CONNOR'S DANCING ACADEMY
Corner hall, Ruel's Bldg., Merrimack Square

Telephone 1875-4.

Theatre La Scala

"The Handsomest Theatre in Town."

TODAY—
"The Duke's Motto."

"You Look Good to Me" and "I'm Tired of Living Without You."

TEN CENTS—THAT'S ALL

STAR THEATRE

MERRIMACK ST.
OPPOSITE CITY HALL

TALKING PICTURES

CONTINUOUS 25 and 50c SEATS 5c

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The Hit of the Season

THE DRAMAGRAPH STOCK CO.

"A RACE FOR MILLIONS"
(Men, Tunes, and Weeds)

"PECK'S BAD BOY"
(Thurs., Fri. and Sat.)

Three Reels of Moving Pictures
Illustrated Songs

Performances 2 to 5 and 7 to 10
daily, 19 cents adults to all—Children 5 cents. All seats free.

Hathaway's Theatre

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28
All-Star Vaudeville

HOWARD AND NORTON
In their new offering "Back at the Wellington"

PELON ADLER
SPRING AND LONDON
CRASSING

FLYING MARTINS
MORRISSEY AND LAYNE
HATHAWAY

MISS LILLIE LEIGH & CO.
In an emotional offering, played
"Wentling the Act"

Orchestra, Songs, Mat-
ladies, the

Phonographs from M. STEINERT CO.

Flynn's Rabbit Hunt

Large Cotton Tails, 15c each
Two Rabbits, 25c
Two Dressed Rabbits, 25c

Vermont Rabbits, 13c lb.
Farm Rabbits, 12c lb.
Farm Rabbits, 15c lb.
50c Ten Rabbits, 25c lb.
Beef never was so cheap.

SWORN STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION

—OF—

THE LOWELL SUN

For the Year 1908

Lowell, Mass., January 1, 1909.

I, John H. Harrington, proprietor, and I, Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and I, Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Lowell Sun, do severally and solemnly swear that the daily average circulation of The Lowell Sun for the year 1908 was as follows:

Total Number for the Year 1908

4,930,507 Copies

Daily Average Circulation for the Year 1908

15,956

copies per day. Signed,

JOHN H. HARRINGTON,
MARTIN H. REIDY,
ALFRED PILOTTE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Middlesex, ss.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 1, 1909.

Then personally appeared the above named John H. Harrington, Martin H. Reidy and Alfred Pilotte, and each being duly sworn, severally made oath that the foregoing statement by them subscribed is true, before me,

[Notary's Seal]

J. JOSEPH HENNESSY, Notary Public.

This is the Largest Average Circulation Ever Attained by Any Newspaper in Lowell.

DEATHS

LOCKHART—Alma R. Lockhart died last night at her home, 46 Mammoth road. Besides her father, John, she leaves one brother, Frederick

Lockhart, and two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Crocker and Miss Maud Lockhart. Miss Lockhart was 22 years of age.

BRADLEY—William F. Bradley of Newburyport died Dec. 25 at the state

hospital in Tewksbury. The body was forwarded to Newburyport yesterday afternoon by J. B. Currier Co.

PRESTON—William I. Preston of Chelmsford, but for many years a resi-

dent of Paxton, Mass., died very suddenly Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ervin E. Smith of 73 Bellevue street. His age was 77. Mr. Preston had been in excellent health until within the past two months. He was a member of Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F. He was also a member of the Central Baptist church of Chelmsford. Mr. Preston is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ervin E. Smith and Miss Alice M. Preston of this city, a son, Lewis P. Preston of Worcester, three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary A. Miller.

ANDREWS—Mrs. Helen F. Andrews, a well known resident of Billerica Centre, died suddenly last night. Mrs. Andrews had apparently been in good health up to last evening and attended a meeting in Odd Fellows hall of Billerica Grange of which she was an active member. While in the hall she was taken ill and at once removed to her home on the Boston road near the Howe school. Medical attendance was summoned, but she died in a short time. Mrs. Andrews was a prominent member of Winning Rebekah lodge, No. 108, New England Order of Protection, Billerica Grange, and Assn John Fadden circle, L. of G. A. R. She is survived by two brothers and three sisters, all of whom reside in Billerica.

MONAHAN—Jennie Monahan, aged 46 years, died this morning at her home, 24 Cedar street. She is survived by one sister, Rose Monahan.

FUNERALS

KEITH—The funeral of Emily Keith, wife of Robert S. Young, was held Wednesday afternoon from her residence, 23 Dodge street. The Rev. J. W. Stephan of the Warren Street Methodist church officiated. There was appropriate singing by Mrs. Pepin and Mrs. Hervey. The many beautiful flowers testified to the esteem she was held in by a large circle of friends and relatives. The bearers were Messrs. W. H. Russell, A. S. Hamilton, C. A. Evedish and W. H. Sullivan. Burial was in the family lot at the Lowell cemetery.

BERRY—The funeral of Miss Abbie Berry took place yesterday afternoon at the home of her brother, Warren Berry, in South Chelmsford. The services were conducted by Rev. George R. M. Wells, pastor of the Baptist church, and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Sometime We'll Understand" were sung by Miss Rose Fish. The bearers were Edgar Lapham, Wilbur Lapham, John Seabrook and Edgar Fisher. Burial was in Pittsfield, Me., where deceased had relatives.

FUNERAL NOTICES

WASLEY—Died in this city, Dec. 29, at his home, 775 Bridge street. Frank C. Wasley, aged 89 years, served his last home at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Friends invited. J. A. Weinbeck, undertaker.

Grape Fruit, Florida and California Oranges, Tangerines, Strawberries, Figs, Dates, Nuts, Confectionery by the Pound and in Fancy Boxes. The Best of All Kinds in Season

KILLPATRICK

MERRIMACK SQUARE

NO MORE, NO LESS.

The Sun has all the news,
You can't get more than that;
The Sun costs but a cent,
You can't pay less than that.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Calls Aldermen Together Again

Mayor Farnham upon arriving at City Hall this morning immediately called a special meeting of the board of aldermen for 8:30 o'clock this evening to allow action to be taken on Alderman O'Brien's notice of reconsideration given at last night's meeting relative to the mayor's appointments to the board of library trustees.

Bids All In

The bids for the contract to supply the furniture for the new Washington school are all in and the contracts will be made tomorrow. This morning the office of Inspector of Buildings Smith was filled with furniture men and representatives of the factories inspecting samples that had been sent to City Hall.

HOTEL KEEPERS

Appeared Before Police Board Today

The proprietors of the Richardson hotel and of the St. James' hotel appeared before the board of police this morning in response to a summons issued by the board asking those gentlemen to show reason why their licenses should not be suspended or forfeited.

Laniel J. Donahue, representing the proprietor of the Richardson hotel, asked for a continuance and the board agreed to give a hearing at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Jan. 2. Nathan D. Pratt, appearing for the proprietor of the St. James' hotel, also asked for a continuance and the hearing on that matter will be held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Jan. 12.

The proprietors of these hotels were found guilty by Judge Hadley of illegal licensing of liquor, and appeared.

The board of police has decided that hereafter any liquor dealer who is convicted by the court will have to appear before the board and show reasons why his license should not be suspended or forfeited.

NEW BUILDING

J. A. WEINBECK LEADS 1909 BUILDERS

J. A. Weinbeck, the well known undertaker was the man to start the building boom of the New Year for this morning he took out a permit to build a new four-story building in the rear of 104 Commercial street at an estimated cost of \$47,000. The building will be 32x25 and two stories high.

REV. MR. KENYON

LEFT THIS CITY FOR DOVER YESTERDAY

A godspeed was extended yesterday to Rev. A. E. Kenyon, who for a long period has been the pastor of the Chelmsford Street Free Baptist church and who with his wife left on the 12 o'clock train for Dover, N. H., where Rev. Mr. Kenyon will take a pastorate. At the Northern depot were gathered many friends, and farewells were said. At the time he received the call to Dover, Rev. Mr. Kenyon also got news

from a church in Westbury, R. I. He felt, he said, that the Lord had called him to Dover.

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WE WILL CLOSE

Our January sale of muslin underwear Saturday night, and the values for the last day will be even greater than ever.

Petticoats of good cambric, deep flounce of embroidery. Where did you ever see any before for 35c

Our regular 50c gowns and lace or embroidery trimmed drawers this week 29c

Petticoats of good cambric, flounce trimmed with lace or embroidery, new styles just received, good 79c value, in this sale 50c

All our 97c outside flannellette gowns now reduced to 69c

The 98c flannellette gowns which we have been selling for 69c, in this sale 50c

We never before offered such value in petticoats as we now show for \$1.97

15 dozen more tea aprons with ruffle of dainty embroidery, plain or trimmed pocket, regular 49c value, this week 29c

Another 1200 of those tea aprons that some customers say are as good as they have bought for 25c, while they last 10c

5 new styles of petticoats, crisp, fresh, new goods, always sold for 99c, just for this week 69c

THE WHITE STORE

114—Merrimack St.—116